

# The Town of Newfane Bicentennial

## Celebrating 200 Years

August

2024

### Update from the Supervisor's Office

John Syracuse

Newfane Town Supervisor



#### BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Summer continues to sizzle. We are hot off our Fireworks celebration that was second-to-none. The Town would again like to thank the Recovery Center of Niagara for their generous \$10,000 donation toward our July 3rd spectacular. The Olcott Beach Community Association (OCBA) has also donated to the fireworks show for many years. A special thank-you is also goes to the Olcott Volunteer Fire Co. for their continued support with traffic control and public safety.

All eyes are now focused on our Bicentennial-themed annual August Community Day to be held August 24, 2024, at the Town Hall Community Center. The gigantic parade kicks off at 2pm, complete with several marching bands, volunteer fire companies, the Lions Club, and a very special appearance of a horse-drawn carriage carrying the 1974 Sesquicentennial Supervisor John MacInally and his wife Dutch. Supervisor MacInally was instrumental in arranging the time capsule the Town unearthed this year at our Apple Blossom Festival in May.

Shortly after the parade concludes, over 25 vendors and activities will be assembled in the Town Hall parking lot to sell their wares and offer fun things to do; including a dunk tank, bounce house, petting zoo, historic photos and memorabilia.

At 7pm, Western New York's premier county band, *90-West* will entertain the crowd till 10pm. Please come out to share a fun day and re-engage with your friends and neighbors.



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#### PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Next time you visit the Newfane Town Marina, check out the new Kayak Launch that was recently installed. Superintendent of Highways, Jon Miller and his crew were assisted by employees of the contractor, Anchor Marine to complete this project.

#### COLLABORATION BETWEEN TOWN OF NEWFANE AND SAVE THE MICHAELS OF THE WORLD

I have been working closely with management of *Save The Michaels of the World* to initiate a work program that assists their clients in obtaining meaningful employment. I conducted a seminar for the 12 individuals that included job interview tips and resume building skills. Five men have been accepted into the volunteer work program and are working to maintain the Community Center, the Lakeview Shoppes in Olcott and installing Bicentennial banners on Main Street. We are excited about this partnership and look forward to further collaboration.



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Chase Harding was honored with the *Marty Horanburg Panther Pride Award* for 2024 and receives congratulations from teacher and coach Eric Klumpp

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**Deadline for ads is November 7, 2024. Complete the section below and return with your ad and full payment to:**  
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## Next Generation Time Capsule to be Buried at the Apple Harvest Festival



Our 2024 Bicentennial celebration will feature the re-burial of Newfane's *Time Capsule* during the September 29 Apple Harvest Festival. We are already gathering materials and collecting content that will be placed in the capsule and shared with our children, grandchildren and future Newfane residents. If you have suggestions, memorabilia and personal recollections to share and place in the capsule, you can leave items at the Community Center before and after the August 24 Bicentennial parade, or drop them off at Town Hall at least one week prior to the Apple Harvest Festival. All items must reflect the Newfane community, our history and heritage, and must be a fit for the capsule shown in the photo above. A summary of the contents in the recently opened 1976 capsule is on page 28 of this newsletter.

**Town of Newfane**  
 2737 Main Street  
 Newfane, NY 14108  
 Hours 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
 Monday through Friday  
[www.townofnewfane.com](http://www.townofnewfane.com)

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**Elected Officials:**

TOWN BOARD

Supervisor John Syracuse 716-778-8531 #3  
 Councilman Richard Coleman  
 Councilman Robert Horanburg  
 Councilwoman Susan Neidlinger  
 Councilman Peter Robinson

Regular Town Board meetings are held at Town Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

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**Town Clerk**  
 Donna Lakes  
 778-8822 #2  
 Fax 638-4183

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**Superintendent of Highways**  
 Jon Miller  
 778-8844

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**Town Justice**  
 2896 Transit Road  
 Newfane, NY 14108  
 Bruce M. Barnes  
 Scott R. Boudeman  
 778-9292  
 Fax 778-5793  
 Justice Court Office Hours  
 9:00 to Noon  
 Monday through Friday

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**Receiver of Taxes and Assessments**  
 Terri L. Iannucci  
 778-6052

Assessor:	Mary Hastings	778-8827 #4
Building Inspector:	David Schmidt	778-5947 #5
Water Superintendent:	Mike Mills	778-8587
Wastewater Treatment:		
Nicholas Irr/ Plant Manager		778-7131
Composting Plant		778-7807
Refuse		1-800-330-7107
Town Marina		778-5462
Water/Sewer Billing		778-8132 #6
Water/Sewer Maintenance		778-8587
Wastewater Treatment Plant		778-7131
Wastewater Treatment Plant Fax		778-6160
Dog Control Officer		
Ordinance Enforcement Officer		
Jeffrey Newman		716-807-6270
Kenneth Nerber Asst.		716-807-4659
Historian: Bill Clark		716-778-5947 #7

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TOWN OF NEWFANE

# Bicentennial

COMMUNITY DAY



ON STAGE  
FROM 7-10PM



PARADE AT 2PM  
VENDORS OPEN AFTER

OVER 30  
LOCAL VENDORS



LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 24

FOOD TRUCKS, LOCAL  
ARTISANS, KIDS ACTIVITIES

NEWFANE TOWN HALL  
2737 MAIN ST, NEWFANE

PETTING ZOO, BOUNCE  
HOUSES, GAMES

LIVE MUSIC STARTING AT 3PM AT  
OPEN AIR BAR

CHALK STATION BY  
WAHI STUDIO

## Shawn Foti Niagara County Legislature 14th District Legislator



SUMMER 2024

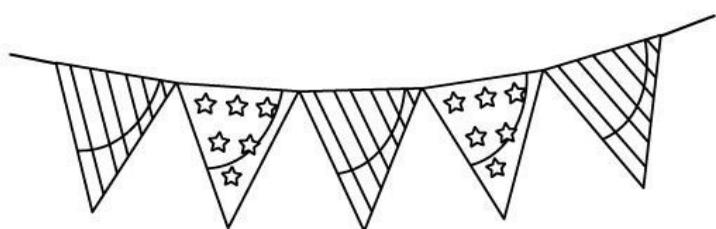
Where else would you rather be, than right here, right now?? You can not beat summers in our little slice of paradise, Newfane NY. It has been great to see all the activities and festivals being held across Niagara County. Thank you to the residents for supporting these events and the wonderful organizations who make it all happen. There is still plenty of fun to have this summer, so I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.

Summer also means roadwork and infrastructure repairs. I am proud to have been appointed Chairman of Infrastructure Committee which oversees DPW, Parks, Buildings and Grounds, Refuse District, IT, and our vehicle fleet. One of my first actions has been to move forward with building a new DPW administration and vehicle storage facility to replace the aging structures. Our 5 Niagara County parks will all see major improvements and new facilities over the next few years, including our beloved Krull Park. We are completing new Master Plans for our parks and I will share the plan for Krull Park when it is available. Krull looks beautiful and it has been great to see all the successful events held there with amazing attendance. Our County Highway Department has been busy since spring working on drainage and road repairs. Flooding and water movement has been an issue across the county but I am glad to see collaboration and cooperation between the county and the local municipalities. We are constantly seeking state and federal funds to invest in our roadways and there are a few larger bridge projects slated for the upcoming years.

Niagara County EMS (NCEMS) has been active since December 17th 2023 and responding to calls for emergency service across Niagara County, supplementing and assisting our volunteer departments. 2 ambulances are operational 12 hours per day, from roughly 6am – 6pm. To date, they have responded to 957 calls for service, with 617 transports to a local hospital. I am proud to say these incredible men and women have also documented at least 2 lifesaving calls, one of them in Newfane. This means NCEMS assisted Miller Hose Ambulance in responding to a call involving a person without a pulse and brought this patient back to life. With all my heart, thank you to the incredible men and women from Miller Hose, Olcott, Wrights Corners and NCEMS who continue to serve our communities and protect our residents. Please consider joining one of our great volunteer departments and serving your community.

I do not want summer to end, but as we head towards fall, that means hunting season. I was proud to lead the effort to allow rifles for big game in Niagara County. Our state representatives did a great job pushing the legislation through in Albany and we are just waiting for Governor Hochul to sign the bill. Niagara County will be the 53rd out of 57 counties to allow rifles to be used for big game. Many other larger and more populous counties have put this in place without incident. The past 2 years of hunting seasons have been the safest on record. I will always support our hunters, conservation clubs, and 2nd Amendment.

Newfane is a gem, and a place where all people are welcome with open arms. Let us continue to lead by example and enjoy our community created by many different hands. Thank you for your trust and support representing Niagara County's 14th district.



I hope this letter finds you well and thoroughly enjoying your summer so far. For me, summer typically means the end of the legislative session in Albany and getting to much more events closer to home.

The legislative session wrapped up with some good news to report to Niagara County residents, especially our hunters, with the passage of the Niagara County Big Game Rifle Hunting Bill (Senate Bill S.8382), which amends existing conservation laws, at no cost to taxpayers to allow hunting deer and bear in Niagara County by rifle. This will become effective as soon as the Governor signs it. Myself, my colleagues and many WNY sportsmen are hoping she does so in time for hunting season.

The Governor signed Senate Bill S.9241, which I co-sponsored, and now it is clearly defined that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will oversee and regularly inspect the vessels used at the Lockport Cave and Boat Tour. This legislation comes following the investigation of the tragic incident last year at the Lockport Cave; it was discovered that no agency was tasked with oversight of this particular type of establishment.

Something I was worried about and received many phone calls and memos from concerned business owners on is the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, Senate Bill S.4246-B. This would enable burdensome new mandates on producers of single-use plastics for the things that we use every day.

The goal to improve recycling rates is laudable; however, in reality the end result will punish businesses, raise the cost of groceries for already struggling families by \$500, and set unrealistic timelines and unattainable goals. We can preserve our environment without decimating our businesses in the process. The bill passed the Senate after extensive debate by our Republican conference including Senators Pam Helming and George Borrello, but ultimately failed in the Assembly. My conference will remain opposed to this and similar legislation.

I'm always proud to stand behind our military services and veterans. This session, I was able to assist the Niagara Military Affairs Council (NIMAC) in securing a \$500,000 state grant in the budget. These funds will allow NIMAC to better promote the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base, seek additional missions, and tout the economic impact of one of Niagara County's largest employers. I'd like to thank the Governor for supporting this grant as well.

For New York's veterans, I fought for room in the state budget and ensured access to education for veterans by creating the veterans' SUNY/CUNY Compact, which would provide free tuition to all veterans. I also ensured the continued funding for the Dwyer program, which helps veterans re-adjust to civilian life and provides support and resources to veterans suffering from PTSD, TBI, and other mental health issues.

Looking ahead, I am hopeful the Seneca Nation and the Governor's office are finally able to come to terms on a new gaming compact. At the time of this writing, the legislative session has ended and no deal was brought forward to the legislature. The Seneca Nation has patiently waited for nearly two-years now for a new deal. With the distractions faced by the Executive and Lawmakers in putting together a budget and wrapping up the legislative session now over, I'd like to see the State and the Seneca Nation come to a fair agreement that benefits the Seneca Nation, the communities surrounding their operations and the state of New York as well.

And lastly, don't forget to vote! There are many offices to vote for this year at the state level, all New York State Senate and Assembly seats are up for election. And Federal offices are being voted on as well, including seats in the House of Representatives, a seat for the U.S. Senate and the top job of President as well. Early voting in New York runs from October 26th - November 3rd. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th.



# News from Assemblyman **MIKE NORRIS**



## NORRIS DELIVERS MEANINGFUL BIPARTISAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR WNY

As a lifelong resident of Western New York, being entrusted as your state Assembly representative continues to be the honor of my lifetime. It is important to me to stand up for the hardworking men and women who have put their faith in me and to work hard with my colleagues to build consensus on meaningful, commonsense proposals that will deliver a better future for us all.

Though avid readers of my column know I do not shy away from being critical of the governor and downstate leaders when it comes to inflated state spending and other issues, when it comes to working together to deliver for the people of Western New York, I work in a bipartisan manner. I'm pleased to share the following key successes from this year's session:

- Closed a loophole in state law requiring the state Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to provide oversight of attractions such as the Lockport Cave and Underground Boat Ride to assist patrons and businesses alike (A.10399-Chapter 119);
- Established safety measures to protect children online through the passage of the Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation (SAFE) for Kids Act and New York Child Data Protection Act (A.8148-A, A.8149-A);
- Supported volunteer firefighters and EMTs by expanding a law we created two years ago allowing for a real property tax exemption to be extended to those who volunteer in neighboring municipalities (A.2121);
- Assisted our veterans to better disseminate resources and benefits from state agencies (A.7173) and allowing Gold Star families to use state campsites free of charge – a measure similar to one I've sponsored for years (A.8568, originally A.2270);
- Promoted agritourism by permitting our craft distilleries, cideries and meaderies to ship their products (A.3132) and investing in the future of agriculture through the expansion of the beginning farmer advisory board (A.7020-A); and

- Successfully advocated for \$150 million in the NY SWIMS Program to prevent childhood drowning by increasing access to swimming lessons, improving recruitment and retention of lifeguards, and rehabilitating state and municipal swimming pools.

Despite my serious concerns with our economy, border security, crime and outmigration, and my continued opposition to the downstate drive majorities and governor's policies and their lack of attention and willingness to change course, I will continue to work in a bipartisan manner when appropriate to deliver on issues important to Western New York, especially to ensure equity for rural communities.

In fact, I have been a leading advocate for broadband expansion for many years, and helped to put forward the Comprehensive Broadband Connectivity Act (which became law in 2021) and am continuing to urge the state to do more to ensure affordable, high-speed broadband is realized in every corner. I am sponsoring many bills to support agriculture, including the New York Food Insecurity, Farm Resiliency, and Rural Poverty Initiative (A.5708). Further, I have been a champion of our emergency responders, particularly in rural communities, and throughout the years I have helped to enact many laws assisting in the response time and availability of ambulances, reimbursement rates, training costs, and recruitment efforts for volunteer firefighters — including the enactment of the state's Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment Task Force.

As always, I am here for you and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance. Please call my office in Clarence at (716) 839-4691 or email me at [norrism@nyassembly.gov](mailto:norrism@nyassembly.gov).

*Assemblyman Mike Norris (R,C-Lockport) also serves as the Chairman of the Assembly Minority Conference. He represents the 144th Assembly District, which includes portions of Erie, Niagara and Orleans counties. He is a member of the Assembly Ways and Means and Transportation committees.*



### Hometown Hero Banners a Popular Addition to Newfane's Streetscape

Thanks to all those participating in Newfane's Hometown Heroes streetside banner project and for your support in honoring Newfane's past and current military service members. The Newfane Hometown Heroes program placed 150 banners throughout the town in 2024. The families, volunteers and Town Highway Department have been tremendously important to the program's success. The application window for this year has passed, but applications for the 2025 season can be picked up and submitted at the Town Hall anytime through the end of February 2025.

If you have questions or need information about the banner program, please call and leave a message at Newfane Town Hall, 716-778-8531, ext #7



**NEWFANE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**  
**Brick Application and Information**

Newfane is proud to announce that the construction of our new park—directly south of Town Hall on Main Street—is completed. The park will honor all five branches of the US military (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard) and our local residents who have served our great nation. We invite you to stop by your park and visit.

Memorial parks are here for three purposes. To **Honor** those who are in the Armed Forces protecting our country. To **Remember** those who served and gave their all for their country. And to **Teach** the next generations that our freedoms have never been free or cheap but purchased by the blood of patriots from the Revolutionary War and into the future.

**Purchaser Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Clip Art # T \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Brick Information**

4" x 8" engraved brick \$25.00; with Clip Art or Logo \$32.00  
Replica Tile \$10 (Yes/ No)

Three (3) lines, 20 spaces per line - No Military emblem \$25 or  
Three (3) lines, 15 spaces per line, \$32 when adding Military emblem. Emblems can be viewed at [polarengraving.com/NewfaneVeteransMemorialPark](http://polarengraving.com/NewfaneVeteransMemorialPark) or by picking up a copy at Town Hall.

Replica Tiles are 4 x 4 x 1/2 Granite tiles engraved to match your brick. Cost per tile is \$10

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Mail or drop off completed form with proof of military service and check ( on memo line write "Memorial Brick") to *Town of Newfane, 2737 Main Street, Newfane, NY 14108*  
**Veterans being honored must have lived in Newfane sometime in their life time, and have a good conduct discharge. DD214, discharge papers, or photo of VA grave.**

**Questions? Call Paul Leader at 471-0382**

To view clip art choices and/or order online please visit:  
[polarengraving.com/NewfaneVeteransMemorialPark](http://polarengraving.com/NewfaneVeteransMemorialPark)



**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA**

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P.O. Box 496  
Lockport, New York 14095-0496

**Michael J. Filicetti**  
*Sheriff*

**Michael P. Dunn**  
*Undersheriff*

(716) 438-3370

For the past three years, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office and our community partners have operated the Niagara Threat Advisory Group (NITAG). NITAG is partnership network of local and federal law enforcement, mental health professionals, social services, schools, colleges and private entities dedicated to closing threat management gaps throughout Niagara County.

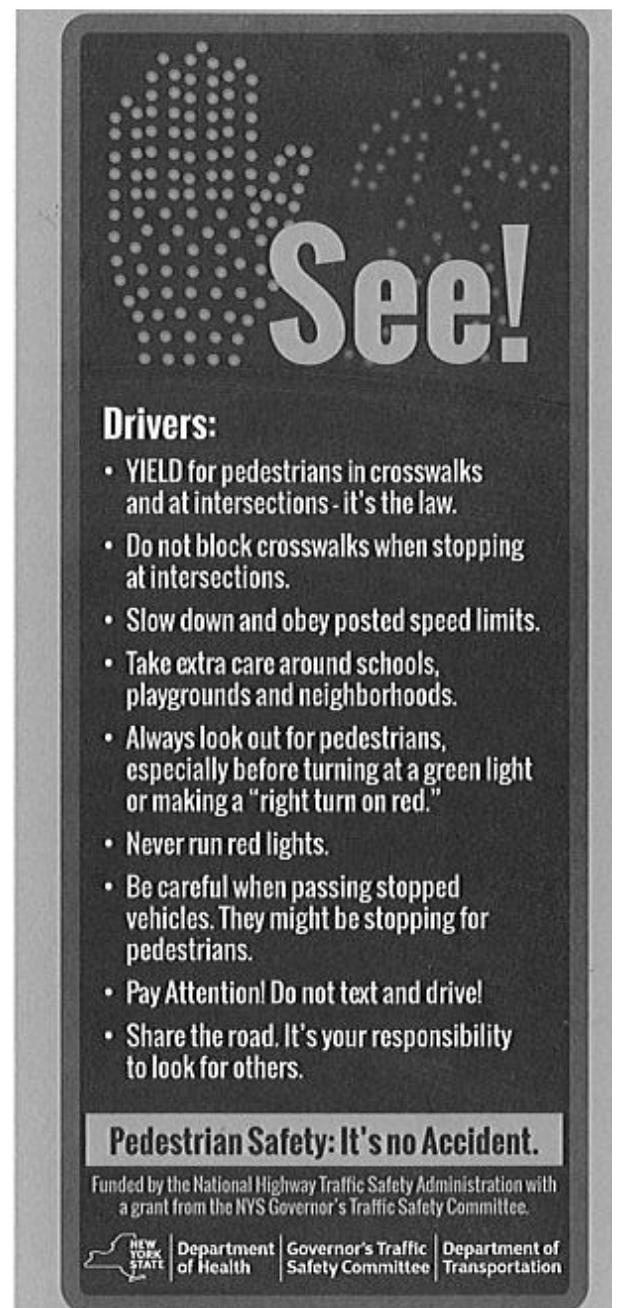
When a potential threat is identified, NITAG provides professional threat assessment advisement in order to appropriately manage the threat. When individuals posing a potential threat are reported to NITAG, action is taken to assess the level of threat and, if necessary, determine an appropriate response to manage the threat. NITAG members rely on proven intervention techniques to eliminate or mitigate potential threats. Many times, this course of action connects referred individuals with appropriate mental health support services.

NITAG does not perform law enforcement activities. Our focus is on intervention and prevention.

I am pleased to inform you that NITAG has launched a public access website in order to best communicate with the people we serve. At NiagaraTAG.com, you can report suspicious activity, or persons that may need assistance off of the Pathway to Violence. You should contact NITAG to report a threat if a classmate, co-worker, partner, family member, friend, or neighbor is demonstrating concerning behavior such as noticeably changed interpersonal interactions, physical aggression, recklessness, violent media usage, sudden changes in hygiene, impulsivity, or a sudden and inappropriate interest in destructive weapons.

I encourage you to visit NiagaraTAG.com to learn more about NITAG, the Pathway to Violence, and how the group operates to help make Niagara County a safe place to live, work and visit. Together, we can achieve the highest level of public safety.

I wish you all the best, and as always – take care, and be safe



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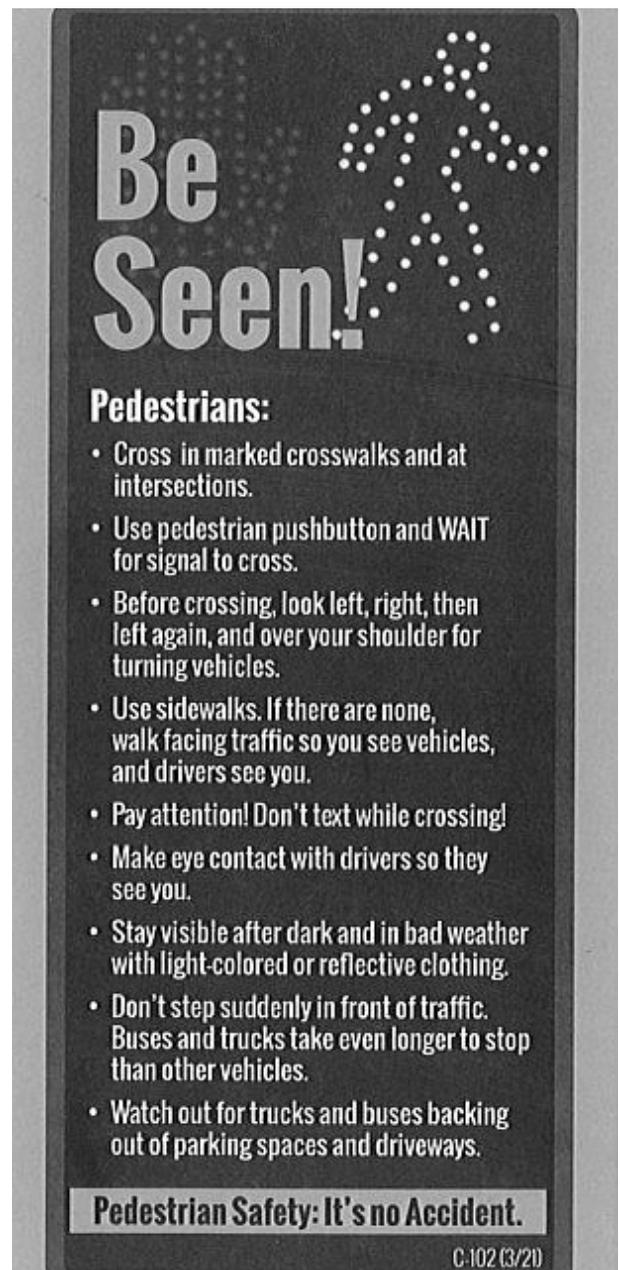
**Drivers:**

- YIELD for pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections - it's the law.
- Do not block crosswalks when stopping at intersections.
- Slow down and obey posted speed limits.
- Take extra care around schools, playgrounds and neighborhoods.
- Always look out for pedestrians, especially before turning at a green light or making a "right turn on red."
- Never run red lights.
- Be careful when passing stopped vehicles. They might be stopping for pedestrians.
- Pay Attention! Do not text and drive!
- Share the road. It's your responsibility to look for others.

**Pedestrian Safety: It's no Accident.**

Funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with a grant from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

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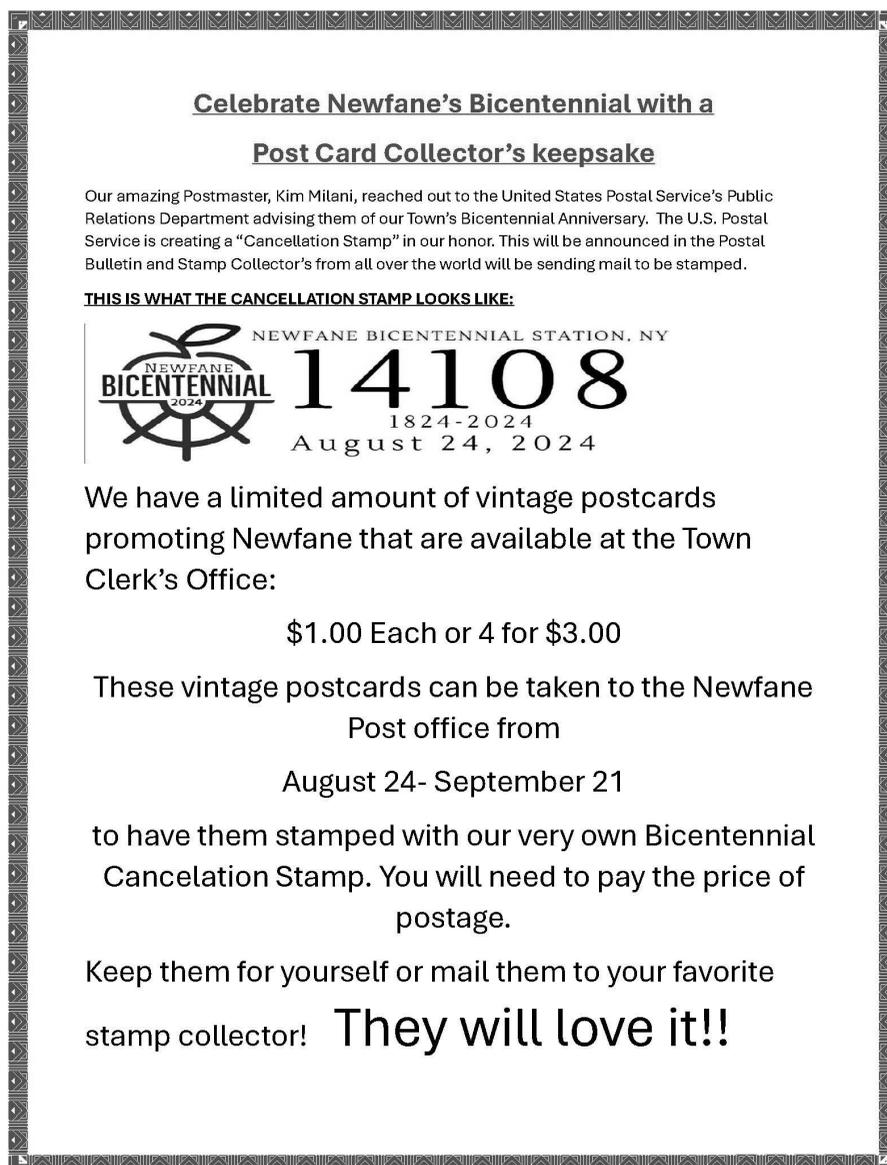
**Be Seen!**

**Pedestrians:**

- Cross in marked crosswalks and at intersections.
- Use pedestrian pushbutton and WAIT for signal to cross.
- Before crossing, look left, right, then left again, and over your shoulder for turning vehicles.
- Use sidewalks. If there are none, walk facing traffic so you see vehicles, and drivers see you.
- Pay attention! Don't text while crossing!
- Make eye contact with drivers so they see you.
- Stay visible after dark and in bad weather with light-colored or reflective clothing.
- Don't step suddenly in front of traffic. Buses and trucks take even longer to stop than other vehicles.
- Watch out for trucks and buses backing out of parking spaces and driveways.

**Pedestrian Safety: It's no Accident.**

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**Celebrate Newfane's Bicentennial with a Post Card Collector's keepsake**

Our amazing Postmaster, Kim Milani, reached out to the United States Postal Service's Public Relations Department advising them of our Town's Bicentennial Anniversary. The U.S. Postal Service is creating a "Cancellation Stamp" in our honor. This will be announced in the Postal Bulletin and Stamp Collector's from all over the world will be sending mail to be stamped.

**THIS IS WHAT THE CANCELLATION STAMP LOOKS LIKE:**



NEWFANE BICENTENNIAL STATION, NY  
NEWFANE BICENTENNIAL 14108  
1824-2024  
August 24, 2024

We have a limited amount of vintage postcards promoting Newfane that are available at the Town Clerk's Office:

\$1.00 Each or 4 for \$3.00

These vintage postcards can be taken to the Newfane Post office from  
August 24- September 21

to have them stamped with our very own Bicentennial Cancellation Stamp. You will need to pay the price of postage.

Keep them for yourself or mail them to your favorite stamp collector! **They will love it!!**



## Newfane Lions Club—We Serve

The Newfane Lions Club was organized in 1941, 83 years ago, with no more than the mission to serve our community. Since then, we have grown in members and offer a wide range of services to the community. We recently installed our 2024-2025 officers and presented several awards. Our incoming officers include President, Wreatha Harvey (pictured right with Lion Roger Phillips), 1st Vice President, Ryan Phillips, 2nd Vice President, Jacob Lundy, Secretary, Michele Phillips, and Treasurer, Paul Conrad.



The awards included: the Lion of the Year Award presented to Michele Phillips; the President's Appreciation Award presented to Lynn Schauer-Bewley; and the prestigious Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award presented to Sue Neidlinger (pictured left with Lion Paul Conrad) for her dedication and service to not only our town but to many other organizations. Congratulations to all!

As many of you know, we maintain a medical loan closet that has canes, walkers, commodes, wheelchairs, beds and more -- and we also build wheelchair ramps. If you or others in the community are in need or wish to borrow anything please contact any Lion Member, or you can email: [newfanelionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:newfanelionsclub@gmail.com) including your name, what you need and a contact number and we will get back to you.

Other projects that we have been involved in this past year include our annual vision screenings of our younger community members. With two visits annually to Newfane Elementary and the Newfane Early Childhood Center, Lions were able to screen 250 students from Pre-K to 3rd grade. About 10% of those screened are referred to an eye physician for followup and formal diagnosis of vision abnormalities. Did you know? Many eye conditions diagnosed in children before the age of 8 are reversible when caught early.



We were also able to present 8 scholarships this year in the amount of \$3,000 each to graduating seniors through our common application with the Newfane Alumni Association.

The Lions sponsored the building of the new Kindergarten Moving Up Bridge. Students from Mr. Kursten's class took on the project of designing and building the bridge. Thank you, Mr. Kursten, John Taylor, Alexis Rutherford, and Peter Blake.



We have made many donations to other causes as well this year. One of our recent donations went to 50 Winks. An organization helping students to succeed by delivering the gift of sleep and study space to under-privileged children and teens in WNY. If you know of someone that may be in need of assistance with a bed, please visit the 50 winks website at [www.bouiefoundation.org/50-winks](http://www.bouiefoundation.org/50-winks).

“Leadership, Experience, Opportunity” That’s what makes a Leo. Our Newfane Leo Club is a group of devoted young people (grades 5-12) that are driven by the power of action. Leo Club members develop leadership qualities by participating in social service activities. The Newfane Club is most notably known for hosting Breakfast with Santa at the Olcott Firehall and the Easter Egg Hunt at the Middle School. If interested in becoming a member, reach out to Leo Directors, Kevin Ketch or Mr. Thibault in school or any other Leo Member. This year’s outgoing Leo President, Ella Thibault, was awarded the Outstanding Leadership and Dedication to Service Award.



The Lions will be present at Newfane’s Bicentennial Community Day August 24, 2024, with Vision Screenings available, bounce houses and hot dogs. With our Leos doing facepainting. Stop by, say Hi and learn more about our organization.

We are also bringing our Chowder Sale back September 14, 2024. More details to come.



## BLUEGRASS CONCERT!

Featuring...Canaan's Land!

Canaan's Land Bluegrass is committed to providing top notch traditional bluegrass music with a sprinkling of new era sounds. The precise music and tight harmonies are the engine that drives us to give the fun and high energy shows that we do...providing the audience with the best that bluegrass music has to give.

(Nominated for 2022 Best Bluegrass Band by the Central PA Music Hall of Fame!)



**Date:** August 17th, 2024

**Location:** Grace Bible Church

(6023 dutton Place, Newfane, NY  
www.gbcnewfane.com -- 716-778-9081)

**Time:** 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Cost:** FREE!

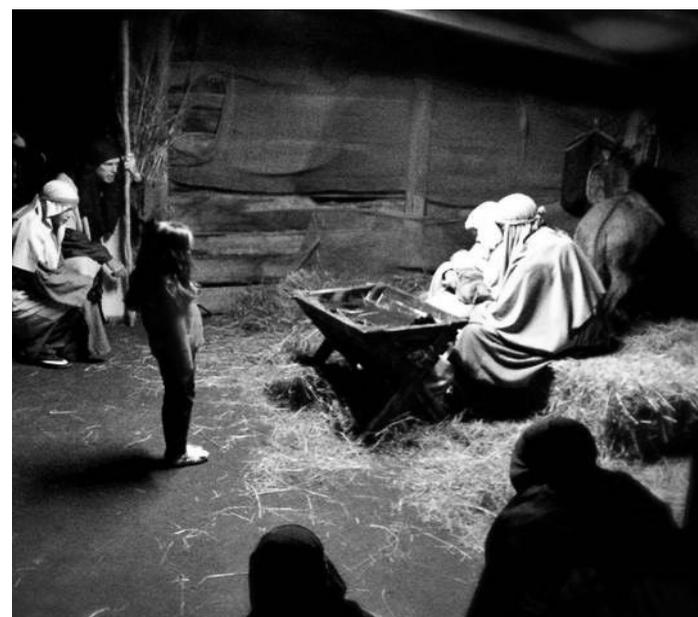
(Freewill offering will be taken to support the band)

### The Living Nativity

December 6, 7 & 8, 2024, 5:30-8:30 pm

Held at Grace Bible Church, Newfane

Go to: [www.gbcnewfane.com](http://www.gbcnewfane.com) to make a reservation. Guests will experience a 30-minute tour portraying the events of the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ. All scenes are outdoors, so please dress appropriately. Hot cocoa and cookies while you wait. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to your reservation time. Park at Newfane Town Hall and walk to the church.



**Building Faith**



**Through Christ**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

2730 Transit Road

Newfane, NY 14108

(716) 778-7981

Join us for Worship every Sunday morning as we celebrate life and give glory to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**The Newfane Community Food Pantry  
at St. Brendan's**

August means backpacks at the Newfane Community Food Pantry

Does your child need a backpack? If you live in the Newfane School District, your child is eligible to receive a new backpack from the Newfane Community Food Pantry. Children in kindergarten through grade 12 may choose a new backpack on either August 20 or August 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pantry, which is located at St. Brendan on the Lake Church, 3455 Ewings Road, Newfane.

You do not need an appointment to choose a backpack, but supplies may be limited. They will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call the Pantry's new direct phone number, 716-638-4245, if you need more information. Please leave a voice mail if there is no answer. The new phone line does NOT accept text messages.

More NCFP News:

- **Pantry Hours:** Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You need to call for an appointment at 10 am on the day you wish to visit the Pantry.
- **Mobile Food Truck:** The Pantry also operates the Mobile Food Truck on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. However, the Mobile Food Truck will not operate in Newfane in August or October.
- **Needs:** This month, we are collecting new backpacks. Also, the Pantry can always use donations of staples such as meals in a can, soup, pasta, cereal, hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bathroom tissue, paper towels, dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent. Monetary donations are always welcome.

For more information about the NCFP, please call Wreatha at 716-807-7451 or Kathy at 716-433-2499.

NCFP is part of FeedMore WNY, formerly called the Food Bank of Western New York. We are grateful to receive support from many churches, businesses, community groups and other donors.

Be Safe and Stay healthy!

**American Red Cross Communities That Care Blood Drive**

**Newfane Town Hall/ Community Center**

Sponsored by: Supervisor John Syracuse & Assemblyman Mike Norris

**Monday, August 19th, 2024**

**12:30 – 6 pm**

**Free Hot Dogs & Ice Cream to all presenting donors!**

Donors needed! Come give blood in August for \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See [rcblood.org/Help](http://rcblood.org/Help)

For an appointment visit: [Rcblood.org/give](http://Rcblood.org/give) or call 1- 800-RED-CROSS  
Appointments Preferred

Our next blood drives are: October 21<sup>s</sup> & December 23<sup>rd</sup>

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY**

by Edna Wolfe

The First Baptist Church Pantry is located at 6047 East Ave in Newfane. You can't miss it, because it is a cobblestone church with big double red doors. It serves the community in two ways. First its doors welcome everyone who wishes to seek inspirational guidance under the ministry of Pastor Kim Smith. Second, it houses a food pantry under the management of Linda Peace.

Originally the Food Pantry was located in Olcott and had served the Migrant Ministries. It was then relocated to The First Baptist Church in Newfane, where today it not only takes care of the migrants and their families, who come to work on the local farms, but has expanded to assisting the families in the community that are in need of food.

Through the New York State grants and USDA donations, Mrs. Peace is able to purchase healthy foods as well as basic staples at a low rate through the WNY food Bank. The pantry also receives left over fresh produce and eggs from the local farmers. Fresh Breads and desserts are picked up weekly from the local store. Local organizations do food drives and donate monetary gifts. Donations of basic need items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, toilet paper, shampoos, soap etc. that cannot be purchased with food stamps are always welcomed.

The pantry is open from 1pm to 6pm on Wednesdays. Families can register for service, or to receive emergency food, and come twice a month to receive a three day supply of food each time, to help stretch their funds and get them through a month.

Mrs. Peace, along with her volunteer team work to create a welcome friendly environment for anyone who seek assistance, with respect and kindness.

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# News from the Town Clerk's Office

Donna Lakes, Town Clerk/Registrar  
 Robin R. Bower, Deputy Town Clerk  
 Kristina Gifford, Deputy Town Clerk



Summer is upon us! Enjoy the beautiful weather and all of the events Newfane is hosting for our Bicentennial Celebration!!



**UPDATE: Our Dog Licensing System is being updated which will now offer you the option to have your Dog License Renewals delivered to you via email. We realize that some people prefer to receive documents through the mail. You absolutely will be able to do that. Receiving your renewals via email is an option not a requirement. We still DO NOT have an option to pay with debit or credit cards, it's cash or check only.**

**DON'T FORGET, for your convenience, we have a drop box located at the doors on the north side of the Town Hall. It is secure and you can feel confident that your documents will be delivered to whatever department you have it addressed to.**

## There are still a few FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS available:

For directions call the specific clinic site.  
 For any clinic related questions call 716-439-7490

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| Saturday, September 14<br>9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon | Town of Lockport Highway Department<br>6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport        |
| Saturday, December 7<br>9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon   | City of N. Tonawanda Public Works Dept<br>758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda |

THE REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 9:00 AM MONDAY (TUESDAY IF IT'S A HOLIDAY) PRIOR TO EACH CLINIC ONLINE AT:  
[WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/RABIESCLINIC](http://WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/RABIESCLINIC)

Bring the previous Rabies Vaccination Certificate for cats and dogs. WITHOUT proof of previous vaccination, you will receive a certificate valid for one year. Dogs and Cats WITH proof will receive a certificate valid for three years. All Ferrets must receive vaccinations annually.

•ALL ANIMALS must be properly restrained. Cats & Ferrets must be in a carrier. Dogs must be leashed.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!  
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NEWFANE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
 2737 MAIN STREET  
 NEWFANE, NEW YORK 14108

The Town of Newfane will be continuing the mail-in dog enumeration (census) as required by Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, any dog 4 months of age or older must be licensed in the Local Town where they are sheltered. Please fill out the form below and return it with the appropriate information:

1. Current rabies certificate from Veterinarian
2. Spayed or neutered certificate from Veterinarian
3. Check payable to Newfane Town Clerk or cash  
 (We **do not** accept credit/debit cards)

### THE FEES FOR LICENSING YOUR DOG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- |                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| 1. Spayed/neutered     | \$ 8.50 |
| 2. Unspayed/Unneutered | \$18.50 |

An owner or harbinger of a dog found in violation of any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be liable for all damages arising from said violation, and shall be subject to a fine of not less than Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

Any questions regarding Dog Licenses please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 778-8822 #2.  
 Please direct all other questions, concerns or issues regarding dogs to our Dog Control Officers

JEFFREY NEWMAN 716-807-6270	KEN NERBER 716-940-5497	JOE FLAGLER 716-998-1041
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Dog License Application for Unlicensed Dogs or Overdue License  
 List additional dogs on a separate sheet of paper

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Dogs to be licensed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dog's Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spayed/Neutered: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Dog's Color(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tattoos or Markings \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTENTION ALL PET OWNERS::** Dogs licenses are renewed annually in the Town of Newfane. You can renew in person, by mail, or by using the drop box located on the north side of the building to the right of the double glass doors. The Dog License Renewals are mailed from the Town Clerk's Office to the last mailing address provided. If any of your information has changed it is important that you provide those changes to the Town Clerk's Office. It is also important to secure the ID tag on your pet's collar. In the event that your pet should wander away without this means of ID you may not be reunited again, simply because you were not able to be located. If you love your pets, please take this step in ensuring their safe return. Sadly, lost pets are a very common occurrence. Additionally, please be certain that the Town Clerk's office has your "CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER/CELL" allowing us to contact you. Thank you!



**RABIES EXPIRATION:** When your Dog License Renewal comes due, please check the expiration date of the Rabies Vaccinations. That information is located toward the top right of the License Renewal. If that expiration date falls within 30 days of the date to renew your license, we will need an updated Rabies Certificate to renew the License. If the information is blank that means it has expired and we will need an updated Rabies Certificate. Do not bring your Invoice as this does not contain all the information needed to process your License. If your pet was ill and not able to receive the Rabies Vaccination you must bring a letter from your veterinarian stating so. This will be necessary every year that you renew if your pet has not been vaccinated. This is a New York State requirement.

**NOTARY SERVICE:** If you need a Notary Public please call ahead of time to check for availability.

**HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES:** New license sales will start at the beginning of August and can be obtained from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday excluding holidays. We do not accept debit or credit cards at this time.

**LIFETIME LICENSE HOLDERS** Your license privilege tags are sent directly to the last address on file with the DEC Fulfillment Center. If you have moved it is imperative that you inform the DEC of your new address. If you have Hunter Education or Bowhunting Education that needs to be added to your account you may edit your profile on-line, bring your original to a DEC License Sales Agent or fax it to (518) 402-9025. Once the information is in your file the appropriate license or tags can be sent to you from the Fulfillment Center. Do not wait until the beginning of the season to take care of this as it will take approximately ten to fourteen days to receive your tags.

**“FREE FISHING DAYS”** New York’s Free Fishing Days in 2024 are as follows:

September 28<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Free fishing days offer residents and non-residents who are 16 or older\* to fish without a freshwater license (Kids under 16 can always fish for free).

**SPORTSMAN EDUCATION CLASSES:** Here is a link that will provide information on classes for both Shotgun and Bow Hunting Certification. The link also provides information on lost Certificates as well as other related topics that you may find helpful.

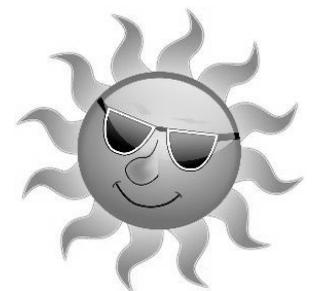
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education>

“Opening Day of Shotgun” in the Southern Zone will be November 18,2024.

**PRESCRIPTION DROP OFF:**  
We have received numerous calls requesting locations for prescription drop off sites. At this time we know of 2 locations. Rite Aid Pharmacy in Wright’s Corners, go to the back by the Pharmacy and they will direct you, and the Lockport City Police Department, enter the driveway on Niagara Street the box is in the entranceway.

**VOTING:** Newfane residents are in the 24th Congressional District, the 62nd State Senatorial District and the 144th Assembly District. In April there was a “Congressional Special Election” to fill the vacancy of Brian Higgins for the 26th District. As we are in the 24th District we were not eligible to vote. Our Town Community Center is both a polling site and an early voting site. Being an early voting site means that our Community Center is used as a place for people to vote even if it is not for a candidate in our District. This resulted in confusion for our residents. It is my understanding that some of our residents also received a “robo call” encouraging them to go out and vote causing them to be turned away and resulting in further confusion. There are 4 early voting sites in Niagara County. Niagara Falls, Lockport, North Tonawanda and Newfane are used for early voting, and you can use any one of them as long as you are voting for a candidate in your District. Once early voting is over you will vote on election day at your regular polling site. We all know things are changing on a regular basis and it’s hard to keep up with everything. If you have any questions regarding voting we encourage you to call the Niagara County Board of Elections at (716) 438-4040 or (716) 438-4041.

## Cooking with the Clerks



### Watermelon salad:

- 1 Head of lettuce
- 1 Medium size Watermelon
- 1/2 of Red Onion
- Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Feta Cheese

In a bowl chop lettuce, cut up watermelon and onion. Combine all together. Top with feta cheese and balsamic vinaigrette to taste!! ENJOY!!!

### Greek Chicken:

- 2 Chicken Breasts
- 16 OZ. of Greek Dressing
- 1 Slicing Tomato
- 2 Green Peppers
- 1 Container of Feta Cheese

Slice the chicken breasts in half, making them 2 thinner breasts, equaling a total of 4 chicken breasts. Slice Green peppers.  
Put chicken into a bowl with the Greek salad dressing and peppers. Cover, refrigerate and let marinate for 24 hours.  
Slice tomatoes very thick.

Next, sear the chicken breasts on each side. Place into a baking dish. Top with peppers, thick slices of tomato and feta cheese. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes. Check for doneness, if it needs more time continue cooking until internal temperature is 160\*. Be careful not to burn the cheese.

### Thought for the day.....

“One small positive thought can change your whole day.”

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S OFFICE**

Summer is here and there are a few items to note from your Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, David Schmidt.

Yearly fire safety and property maintenance inspections entitled "2020 Fire Code of New York State and 2020 Property Maintenance Code of New York State" must be performed by a town's Code Enforcement Officer, which for Newfane, is also the Building Inspector.

Properties that fall under this code are those which contain an assembly area, all multiple dwellings, and all nonresidential occupancies, such as: all commercial and multiple residential buildings with more than 3 (three) apartments, all small businesses, all warehouses, all Nursing Home buildings and the like, all Fire Departments, Churches, Taverns, Restaurants, Gas Stations, Hotels, Day Cares with 5 or more children and outdoor events with over 1000 people. Those that are exempt are small in-home businesses such as in-home hairdressers, tax preparers etc.

Businesses that are required to have this yearly inspection done will be receiving a call from the Building Inspector to set up an appointment, or you can call to set up a time that is most convenient for you. Any questions, please call the Building Inspector's Office at (716) 954-2030 (talk or text).

If you are starting a new business, please contact the Building Inspector with your plans. He will need to do an inspection of your premises to make sure all the building codes have been followed and the work has been completed. If there is food being served, you will also need to contact the Niagara County Health Department. Once you receive your certificate of occupancy from the Building Inspector, your business can open the doors.

Remember, if you have an outstanding building permit, please note that the Newfane Building Inspector is to be called for all inspections done for your project. There are many outstanding permits which should be closed but the Inspector has not been called to do the final inspection. All of these are done for the safety and well-being of your home or business, so please call to set up an appointment for your final inspection.

The program for the Constables is now up and running and if deemed necessary by the Code Enforcement Officer, Town Supervisor and/or Town Court for special duties they will be called upon. They are also the Dog Control Officers so you will be seeing them throughout the town.

Please be patient, as we all work through the new state regulations, as well as local Town and County regulations. You can contact me, David Schmidt, by e-mail at: [building.inspector@townofnewfane.com](mailto:building.inspector@townofnewfane.com) or call my office at (716) 954-2030, (716) 778-5947 ext. 106 or fax at (716) 638-4261.

## **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

**Assessor: Mary Hastings**

**\*\*If you are a new homeowner and it will be your primary residence, you need to register with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for STAR Credit. You will receive your Star savings in the form of a check directly from New York State instead of receiving a school property tax exemption. Visit [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) or call (518) 457-2036.**

**\*\*Current Basic Star Exemption recipients ONLY\*\***

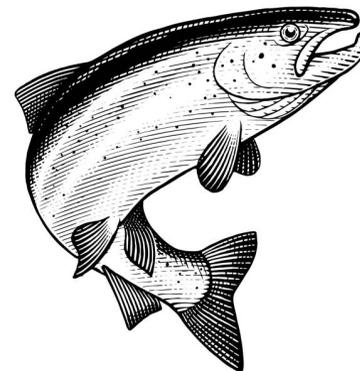
If you are **over 65** or turning 65 years of age by **December 31, 2025**, you may qualify for the **Enhanced Star Exemption** if your **Adjustable Gross Income for 2023 was \$98,700 or less**. This exemption will be applied to the upcoming 2025 assessment roll. To file for this exemption, the following items are needed: (1) Proof of age, (2) A copy of your **2023** Income Tax, (Federal or State), and (3) Proof of your New York State residency. **ALSO** it is now **MANDATORY** for all Enhanced STAR applicants to file a RP-425-Income Verification Program form. This form authorizes NY State Department of Taxation and Finance to annually verify income using your Social Security number. If you feel you qualify for Enhanced, please stop in the office no later than **March 1, 2025** to file your paperwork.

Also, if you are 65 years of age or older, your **TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME is less than \$33,700 (2023 income)**, you may be eligible for an additional exemption on your school or county taxes.

If you have questions concerning any of the above information, give our office a call at 716-778-8827 Option 4.

**EXEMPTION FILING DEADLINE IS MARCH 1.**

**GRIEVANCE DAY IS THE 4TH TUESDAY IN MAY.**



## **MARINA & FISHING**

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer, staying cool in the heat, and enjoyed the fireworks!

We are continuing to make improvements around the Marina including a refreshed look and a new roof on the fish grinder.

We have some transient docks available - call to reserve your dock today!

Derbies left for the season are:  
Reelin' for a Cure, LOC Fall, and the Fish Odyssey.

The Marina will close for the season on September 30, 2024. If you are a permanent dock holder and need assistance after September 30, 2024, please call the Marina at (716) 778-5462 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and what we can help you with. Someone will return your call.

**Fish Park will open October 1, 2024.**  
Reservations for the 2025 season can be made starting April 5, 2025.

# **NEWFANE WATER AND SEWER DEPT**

A few words from the Water Superintendent:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the irrigators for their cooperation and understanding in helping to keep the pressures in the Town of Newfane at a safe level for everyone. It is greatly appreciated!!

**Michael R. Mills**  
**Water/Sewer Superintendent**

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE WATER OFFICE**

1. CASH
2. CHECK
3. CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS- ONLINE ONLY- 2.95% FEE
4. ACH PAYMENT- NO FEE- \*  
\*Form is available at [townofnewfane.com](http://townofnewfane.com).

There is a night drop box located on the north side of the Town Hall, to the right of the door. Payments when dropped go into a secure locked box. Any payments left the evening of the due date will be accepted the next morning on time with no late penalties.

**August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, we remove all unpaid balances to the following year's County tax bill. A tax removal fee of %10 is added to your bill as well as a \$100.00 administrative fee.**

## **Garbage Reminders**

Handles on your garbage tote face the house. Please pay attention to the arrows on the top of the lid. The arm of the garbage truck must be able to dump your tote into the top of the loader and can only do so if the totes are positioned properly.

***Large item pick-up is the third full week of collection each month. Large items are not permitted at the curb until the week of your large item pick up. If items are sitting at the road prior to large item pick up week, a letter will be sent to have the items removed. If items are not removed, the Town of Newfane will have the items removed and bill the homeowner for the cost of the removal and a \$150.00 administration fee. Please adhere to three large items on your garbage day during bulk pick-up week. Please note that a second truck comes back around for the large items, so your tote may be emptied first.***

Leaf and yard waste must now be contained in your appropriate garbage tote. You can no longer put bags of leaves and yard waste to the curb. Should you require another garbage tote, please contact the Water Department at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6 to purchase and one will be delivered. We have large garbage totes available for \$80.00 and small totes available for \$50.00. Please be advised an additional annual fee of \$55 applies to any additional tote. Bag tags are available for \$5.00 a piece at the Water Office at the Newfane Town Hall. A maximum of 5 bag tags are allowed per week.

## **Water Service Material and Size Inspection Reminder**

The Town of Newfane Water Office is required by New York state to perform and record inspections on all homes in the Town of Newfane for the water service line material and size from the public side, as well as the homeowner's side. These inspections are to ensure that there are no lead water service lines in the Town of Newfane and are to be completed by October of 2024. Please be advised that the Newfane Water Office will be calling residents to schedule the inspection or to let them know when the inspections will be taking place on their street and to make sure they will be home. If there are any questions regarding these inspections, please call the Water Office at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6.

## **\*\*\*ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS\*\*\***

As required by the 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Town of Newfane Water Department is required to create an inventory of water service line materials in the Town. The service line is the pipe that brings water from the water main into your home, and the EPA is mandating that municipal water departments take inventory of service lines, identifying material size and makeup of the service lines.

If you'd like to self-report your water line, please upload a picture to the email below and make sure the service address appears in the subject line. [water@townofnewfane.com](mailto:water@townofnewfane.com)

The picture **MUST** include the water service line **BEFORE** the water meter. Example:



For an in-home inspection, please call the water office at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6.

For any other questions or concerns, please email [lori@townofnewfane.com](mailto:lori@townofnewfane.com) or [cailynn@townofnewfane.com](mailto:cailynn@townofnewfane.com) or call the water office at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6.

For more information on the new regulations, please visit the following government websites:

EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/revised-lead-and-copper-rule>

New York State Department of Health: <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/>

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## **Roadside Brush Pickup - What to Do and Not Do**

The following policy is in effect for regular town wide brush pick-up

ALL branches **MUST** be piled as neatly as possible with **ALL CUT ENDS FACING** the road and **NO LONGER** than 10 ft long.

\*Tree removal companies are responsible to remove **ALL** of their own debris\*

We will **NOT** pick up large **STUMPS**.

We will not pick up leaves or yard rubbish, etc.

A maximum amount of 2 tandem truck loads will be picked up at a time at any one residence.

We will **NOT** pick up branches in front of wooded lots that are being cleared.

We will **NOT** be responsible for any damages to anything that is under the pile of brush that we cannot see. Large piles are picked up with large machinery.

If you have any questions, please contact the Highway Department at 778-8844 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday- Thursday.

***Thank you for your cooperation***

**Jon Miller**  
**Highway Superintendent**

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off - August 17th 2024

Sign-up online or call in advance ... Check first to see what is eligible

The Town of Newfane is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste event at the Highway Department, 6176 McKee Street for all Niagara County residents on August 17, 2024. Anyone interested must sign up in advance at [www.rethinkyourwaste.com](http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com) or call 716 439-7242. There is a list of acceptable items here and on the website.

Please read the list of Eligibility and Exclusions and Acceptable Items prior to scheduling an appointment:

### *Eligibility and Exclusions:*

Must be a resident of Niagara County

The first 50-lbs of waste is covered by Niagara County and NYSDEC (Voucher program only). All extra weight or excluded material is the responsibility of the generator

Only waste generated from homes is accepted. Not-for-profits, and businesses are excluded

Alkaline Batteries, Motor Oil, Electronics and Explosives are NOT ACCEPTED.

All residents are required to pre-register online or call

Fire Extinguishers, Smoke Detectors and Propane Tanks are subject to additional fees

### *Acceptable Items:*

Oil-based Paint

Wood Stains and Preservatives

Automotive Fluids (Antifreeze, Brake, Power Steering and Transmission Fluids)

Pesticides and Fertilizers (both Solid and Liquid)

Flammable Products (Gasoline, Kerosene, Thinners, Strippers, Solvents, Glues, etc.)

Household Cleaners (Soaps, Waxes, Drain Cleaners, etc.)

Driveway and Roof Sealer

Pool and Photo Chemicals

Mercury (Thermometers, Thermostats)

Fluorescent Bulbs



*Better, Safer Ways to Dispose of  
Hazardous Waste*

# Olcott Swimming Beach

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day  
(when lifeguards are on duty)

Thursday to Sunday: 12pm-7pm

Any questions about the status of the beach,  
please call the Newfane Town Hall: (716) 778-8822

**NOTE: Pursuant to NYS Guidelines, Niagara County Dept. of Health must test the waters weekly for bacterial count. Testing is performed every week on Mondays. In the event of a failed test, the beach is re-tested on Wednesday of the same week. Information about this testing can be found on the county's website: <https://www.niagaracounty.com/BeachReport>**

# Niagara Celtic is now New York State's Largest

*Returning Sept. 14 & 15 at the Niagara County Fairgrounds*



The Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games has achieved the title of NY's Largest Celtic Festival! This is in terms of attendance, number of performers, and the size & scope of all activities. It's a great honor and accomplishment for all the hard-working volunteers who've spent decades crafting a top-tier festival for Niagara County. Niagara Celtic celebrates the cultural heritage of many who live in WNY, while also showcasing the region to thousands of tourists who attend annually. Boosting local tourism and showing off our love of the Niagara region was a major part of the inspiration and creation of Niagara Celtic in 2001, and will remain a top goal into the future.

Niagara Celtic is a non-profit Festival whose goal is the education and celebration of Celtic culture, which includes the heritage of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, the Isle of Man, the French region of Brittany, and the Spanish region considered Galicia. The Festival hosts Celtic performers, historical groups, clans and non-profits from the U.S. and Canada, who receive donations for their participation which help

them achieve their own goals. Niagara Celtic has always strived to support the local community by supporting local performers and artisans, and also giving to local organizations through donations and volunteer support.

Hundreds of volunteers work hard every year to pull off Niagara Celtic, and many are from Newfane and Olcott! If you've ever considered volunteering, this is a great year to try. Volunteers are ages 15+, students can receive volunteer hours, and all receive free admission and food tickets to enjoy the great foods offered on-site. You can work set-up, tear-down, or during the event itself, and the work varies greatly so there is something for any skillset, interest, and ability. You can sign up on [NiagaraCeltic.com](http://NiagaraCeltic.com) ("Get Involved" section), where you can also view a list of planning meetings; all our welcome to attend and meet other volunteers.

For guests, make sure to order your tickets online to save money and skip the ticket lines! This year's Festival is hosting 5 regions of activities, 5 stages, 2 event fields, 40+ performers, 60+ vendors and groups, specialty food and drinks, free kid's activities and plenty of attractions and events. We'd also be remiss to not mention our popular Highland Games, the ancient strongman competition and one of the largest multiple division games in the world! The 23<sup>rd</sup> Niagara Celtic will be held Saturday & Sunday, September 14 & 15, at the Niagara County Fairgrounds in Lockport, NY. Tickets range from \$12-35, kids 12 & under are free, and on-site parking is free. For further info, including daily schedules, tickets, volunteering, and more, please visit [www.NiagaraCeltic.com](http://www.NiagaraCeltic.com). Niagara Celtic is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established in 2001 and serves the WNY Celtic community. For further questions not addressed on the website, please email [vickib@niagaraceltic.com](mailto:vickib@niagaraceltic.com).



**New York State's Largest Celtic Festival!**



# Niagara Celtic

Heritage Festival & Highland Games

September

2024 Schedule, Tickets, Lodging:

[NiagaraCeltic.com](http://NiagaraCeltic.com)

14 & 15

Niagara Co. Fairgrounds

# Summer through Fall Events...

## August 9 - Friday

**19th Annual Bike Night, 5:30-10:30 pm Calhoon's Pub**  
FREE event! Live music vendors, food & free bike competition. Raises money & awareness for WNY Challenger Sports. 716-638-0455

## August 11 - Sunday

**Law Enforcement Day at Olcott Carousel Park, 12-6pm**  
Come join the Niagara Co. Sheriff Deputies and NYS Police for some fun. Take your picture with the K-9 unit and police vehicles. First 400 tickets are free!

## August 15 - Thursday

**Free Outdoor Movie Night - Bat Man, The Movie**  
**Carousel Park** Gates open 7pm. Begins at dusk (around 9pm).

## August 18 - Sunday

**Olcott Beach Carousel Park's 22nd Anniversary & Community Appreciation Day, 12 -6 pm**  
Celebrate the Carousel's 96th birthday w/ free Carousel rides all day!

## August 22 - Thursday

**Free Outdoor Movie Night - Ferdinand**  
**Carousel Park** Gates open 7pm. Begins at dusk (around 9pm).

## August 24- Saturday

**3rd Annual Newfane Community Day & Bicentennial Parade, 3-10pm** Live music, Local Food & Craft vendors, Children's games. Newfane Town Hall parking lot. 2743 Main St., Newfane.

## August 31- Saturday

**34th Annual Olcott Beach Car Show, 8am-4:30pm**  
The largest one day car show in Western New York.  
Krull Park, Olcott

## September 1- Sunday

**7th Annual Olcott Beach Jazz Trail, 12-8:30pm**  
This FREE event features jazz performances at various walkable locations around Olcott. Find us on Facebook Olcott Beach Jazz Trail for the full line-up of all-star musicians.



## September 2- Monday

**Labor Day at the Olcott Carousel Park, 12-6pm**  
Come join us and celebrate the last day of our season.

*For details and updates regarding planned events this summer, please be sure to check out The Town of Newfane tourism website at [www.olcott-newfane.com](http://www.olcott-newfane.com) or on Facebook.*

## September 22- Sunday

**45th Apple Harvest Festival, 10am-4pm**  
This FREE event features jazz performances at various walkable locations around Olcott. Find us on Facebook Olcott Beach Jazz Trail for the full line-up of all-star musicians.

## October 5- Saturday

**Autumn Boo-Nanza & Pumpkin Palooza, 12-3pm**  
Join the Lakeview Village Shoppes on the Boardwalk with trick-or-treating, pumpkin decorating, live music, and more.

## October 12- Saturday

**3rd Annual Psychic Fair, 12-6pm**  
JWalden Willow presents Private Psychic Readings, Gallery Readings, & Metaphysical Vendors. Lakeview Village Shoppes 5955 Ontario St, Olcott, [www.facebook.com/waldenwillow](http://www.facebook.com/waldenwillow)

## December 6- Friday

**Holiday Light Up & Parade, 4pm**  
Parade starts at 6pm, Cookies, hot chocolate, vendor/craft shows and carriage rides following the parade. Plan on making this a night for the whole family.

## December 6-8 Friday, Saturday, Sunday

**Living Nativity**  
5:30 - 8:30pm, 30-minute guided walk through the Christmas Story and beyond. Free admission and parking. 716-778-9081 Grace Bible Church, 6023 Dutton Place, Newfane.

## December 8- Sunday

**Santa at the Cabin, 1-5pm**  
Bring the kids to see Santa so they can tell him their Christmas wishes. Ye Olde Log Cabin, East Main St., Olcott.

## December 8- Sunday

**Holiday Shopping Pop-Up at the Lakeview Village Shoppes 12-4pm**  
Visit your favorite boardwalk shoppes one last time for your holiday gifts! Lakeview Village Shoppes 5955 Ontario St, Olcott,



### Wednesday Concerts at the Gazebo

All concerts start at 7pm

Bring a chair, your friends and family to the Gazebo on Main Street

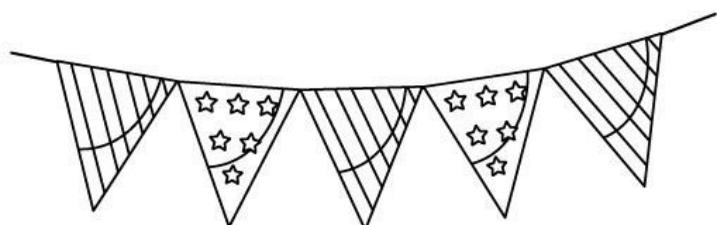
(Rt 78 north of Town Hall). Concerts are sponsored by the Newfane Business Association, Town of Newfane and Wilson's Pizza.

Aug. 7: Tom Keefer and Celtic Cross - Celtic music

Aug. 14: Restless Soles Folk  
Country, Reggae, Americana and more

Aug. 21: Tom and Sarah Wright - Acoustic Duo

Please refer to our Facebook page for last minute cancellations.



# ELECTION DAY

## CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

### DRIVE THRU ONLY

NEWFANE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2699 MAIN STREET

Enter the parking lot off Main Street

ON

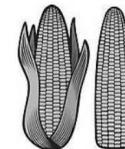
**NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

**SERVING BEGINS AT 4:30 P.M.**

Menu: Chicken & Gravy over Biscuit, Mashed Potatoes,  
Squash, Apple Salad, Cranberry Sauce and Pie



# Farmers Market



**Newfane United Methodist Church**

2699 Main Street  
Newfane, NY 14108

**Open every Wednesday**

June 26<sup>th</sup> - September 25<sup>th</sup>

**4:30pm - 7:00pm**

We offer a variety of vendors each week at our market

The church will have a food booth each week

Service organizations welcome

For a space, please contact the church at 778-7011

SNAP is accepted

Follow us on Facebook: Newfane Methodist Farmer's Market



18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

"CANDY CANE LANE"  
CRAFT SHOW & SALE

at

Newfane United Methodist Church  
2699 Main St., Newfane, N.Y.

on

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come & do some last-minute gift shopping,  
relax & eat in the cafe,  
take home fresh baked goods

There will be many crafters participating with  
a variety of unique items

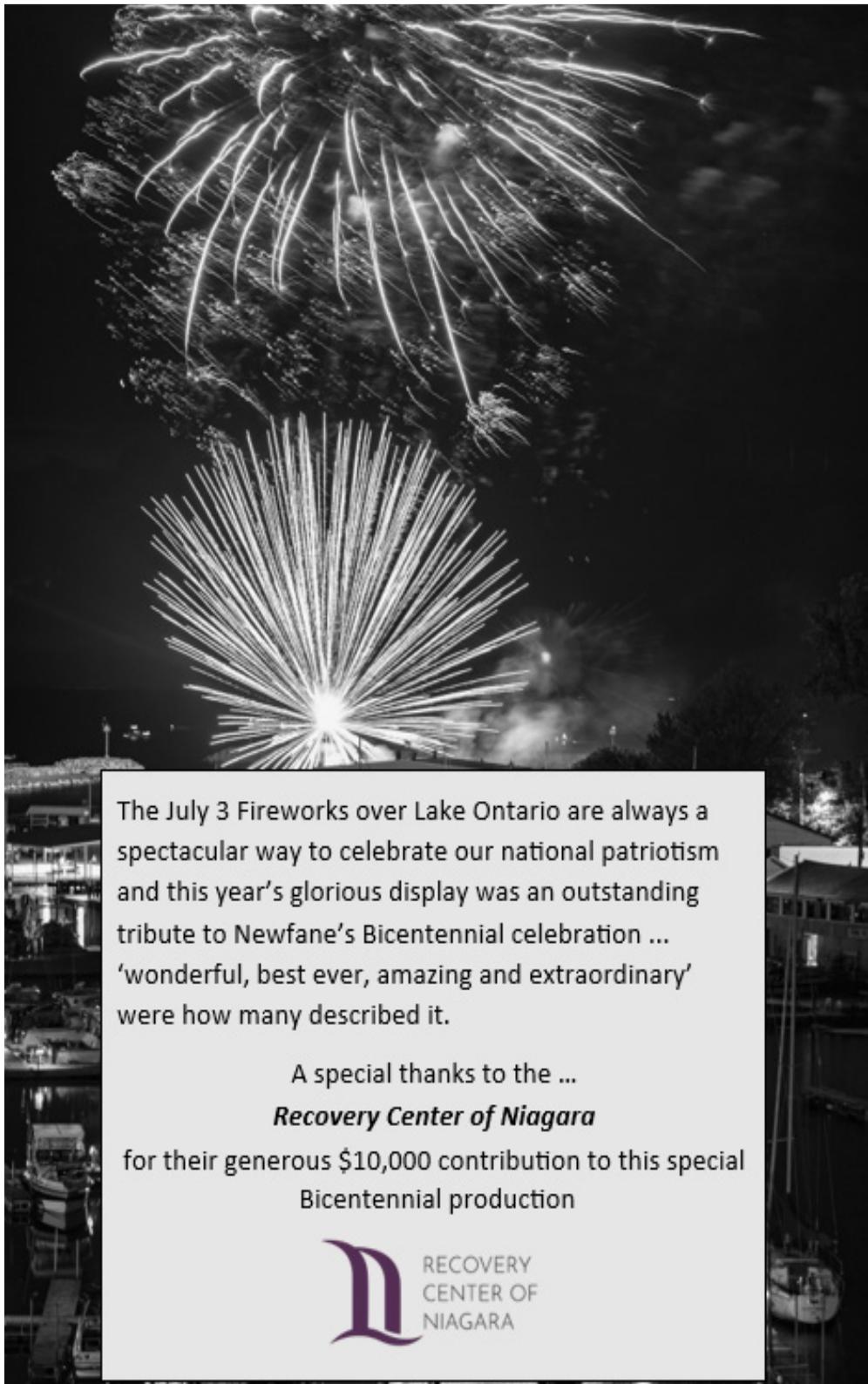


## Volunteers at Work Preserving Olcott's West Main Street Cemetery

If you go by Olcott's West Main Street Cemetery near Lake and West Creek Roads, take note of the wonderful work that two historically minded local volunteers have been doing to clean grave markers and uncover the lost graves and stories of Newfane's pioneer families. Jessica Baker of Burt began exploring the cemetery several months ago and quickly recognized that work was needed to preserve many of the deteriorating gravestones and faded names marking the resting places of scores of Newfane's first citizens and early leaders. Jessica has been joined by Melissa Shaeffer, a member of the Newfane Historical Society, and they have been working most Saturdays to restore old grave markers and reveal the names and stories of our town's earliest settlers.

The two local history sleuths have spent hours at the cemetery restoring the eroded names and dates on long weathered grave markers, thereby revealing many family links that would otherwise be lost to time. Their work has unveiled a trove of stories and data about several of our town's first families with names still familiar to us today -- Lockwood, Cooper, Albright, Halsted and Civil War Veteran Samuel Kemp, the grandson of Olcott namesake, Kemp.. Even more to Jessica and Melissa's credit, after leaving the cemetery they have spent time online and in archives researching information about these pioneer families, which contributes so much to preserving our cultural roots and valued heritage.

Jessica and Melissa have adopted the nickname 'the Cemetery Baddies' that playfully describes their dedicated work and they are distributing a newsletter to feature their findings. Supervisor John Syracuse has praised Jessica and Melissa's remarkable commitment and is working with other volunteers and groups to help at other abandoned cemeteries in our town.



The July 3 Fireworks over Lake Ontario are always a spectacular way to celebrate our national patriotism and this year's glorious display was an outstanding tribute to Newfane's Bicentennial celebration ... 'wonderful, best ever, amazing and extraordinary' were how many described it.

A special thanks to the ...  
**Recovery Center of Niagara**  
 for their generous \$10,000 contribution to this special  
 Bicentennial production



The Town of Newfane  
**BICENTENNIAL**  
 1824 – 2024

**NEWFANE**  
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 2024

**Celebrating**  
*200 Years!*  
**2024**  
**Bicentennial Events**

**MARCH 23**  
 Bicentennial Year Kickoff Dinner

**MAY 2024**  
 Apple Blossom Festival

**JULY 3**  
 Fireworks Spectacular

**JULY 26 - 28, 2024**  
 Old Olcott Pioneer Days  
 Picnic • Exhibitions • Reenactments

**AUGUST 24, 2024**  
 Newfane Harvest Days Celebration  
 Parade • Vendors • Fun Events

*and much more!*

[www.newfane200.org](http://www.newfane200.org)  
 (for event updates & information)



Newfane Historical Society's

# Apple Harvest Festival

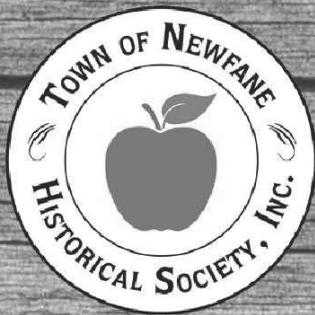
September 29, 2024

10am-4pm

Celebrate Autumn during our 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Sunday gathering! Join us rain or shine and enjoy everything our local harvest offers.

Fun for the Entire Family!

- Local Products
- Food & Drink
- Live Performances
- Tractor & Farm Equipment Show
- Historical Demos
- Fun Activities
- Crafts
- Flea Market
- Attractions



at our Country Village  
2685 West Creek Rd. Newfane, NY 14108

[NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com](http://NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com)

# Olcott Beach Carousel Park Celebrating 22 Years!

by Rosemary Sansone, Ph.D.



If you haven't been to Olcott Beach Carousel Park (OBCP) this year, you still have one more month to get there! Going to the park is like stepping back to the 1950's; a time when life seemed to be at a slower pace. A time when families sat around the dining room table and played board games while sharing a bowl of popcorn or quart of ice cream. It dates back to when children played Hopscotch and Kick-the-Can on warm summer nights until the street lights came on and, then hurried home. Sound good to you? That nostalgia can be found at OBCP! Experience a ride on the carousel; play a game of Skeeball, Pick Up a Duck, and try your hand at old time arcade games (pre-video games); or let the kiddies ride one of our 5 vintage rides designed for children 52 inches or smaller. The prices are 19950's too; 25¢ for the rides and 25¢-50¢ for games! There are also free games that you and your children/grandchildren can experience together, such as Hopscotch and Checkers.



All of this has been awaiting guests to the park for 22 years. Now we are seeing the children who rode those rides 22 years ago, bringing their children to experience some old-fashioned fun at affordable prices! No wonder our motto is "Building Memories for a New Generation"!



How can we do this for so less and run a profitable business? We don't! Olcott Beach Carousel Park is a not-for-profit corporation made up of volunteers. That's right! All the adults working in the park, work for free! We like to think that our pay is the smile we see on the faces of the children enjoying the park. How do you pay utilities, keep up on maintenance, and operating costs you might ask? Once again, our volunteers help with maintenance and much of our new projects and operating costs are funded by generous people who donate to the park, grants and our one fundraiser, THE PARK AFTER DARK, which is always held on the second Tuesday in August.

This year, The Park After Dark will be held on August 13th, from 6 - 10 pm. It is held at OBCP (5979 Main St., Olcott) and is an evening to experience. We call it the "Party with a Purpose", the purpose being to keep OBCP an affordable, safe haven for all families! It's a fun time for adults to experience the park after hours! Tickets are \$35 and include appetizers, music and dancing, fortune-telling, photo booth, and buffet dinner. Beer and Wine, old fashioned carnival games (that were played on Main St. in Olcott during the 1950's) can be experienced for a nominal fee. If you are interested, tickets can be purchased at the ticket booth at OBCP.

The park has some exciting events this month. You might want to mark your calendars and come to Law Enforcement Day, on Sunday, August 11th from 12 - 2 pm. The Niagara County Sheriff Deputies and NYS Police will be on hand with equipment and the K-9 unit so bring your cameras. The first 400 tickets are free. Get a sheriff's badge and have your picture taken. The event is sponsored by the Niagara County Sheriff's Office ALL S.T.A.R. Program.

On Sunday, August 19th, Olcott Beach Carousel Park Presents its 22nd Anniversary & Community Appreciation Day from 12 - 6 pm. We will celebrate our 22nd season and our carousel's 96th birthday. Catch Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show at 2 p.m, presented by the WNY Dairy Farmers. Free washable tattoos for the kids, a Skee Ball Challenge (3 divisions, winners of each division receives a Regal Theater Gift Card), cookies, free rides on the Olcott Fire Truck from 1 - 3 p.m., and free balloon animals made from 3 - 5 pm. In addition, in honor of our Town's Bicentennial celebration, there will be free commemorative magnets while they last. To show appreciation to the community for their support of the park, carousel rides will be free, all other rides 25¢.



The last day of the season will be on Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd. Even if an event is not taking place, there is plenty of old-time fun to be had each day we are open. You can enjoy our fabulous Magic Show with Rob and Carol Allen at 2pm. The show is free, fun for the whole family, and is sponsored by the WNY Dairy Farmers. Sometimes a special guest pops in to say hello and pose for pictures and you might want to bring your water bottle so you can enjoy free filtered cold water at our new bottle filling station (excellent for the environment). There is also a separate, comfortable nursing mother's station. We do ask that shoes be worn in the park at all times and that no one smokes in the park. We at the park hope you will join us this month to make our 22nd season complete! Open rain or shine on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and Labor Day, 12 - 6 pm.





# The Park After Dark: An After Hours Party With Purpose

By Gina Guido-Redden, OBCP Fundraising Chair

Mark your calendars! The Olcott Beach Carousel Park’s annual fundraiser - **The Park After Dark will be August 13, 2024!** The fundraiser contributes substantially to the economic viability of the park’s mission - providing a high quality attraction at the lowest possible cost to the WNY community. Each and every year, the revenue raised by this event keeps the park on stable economic footing for the following season – funding restoration and improvement projects and offsetting operating costs.

The Park After Dark is **the one and only event held in the park at night – transforming the kiddie park into a grown up vintage carnival!**

MAIN STAGE

BEER & WINE

TICKETS

MIDWAY GAMES

FOOD

RAFFLE

CAROUSEL DERBY

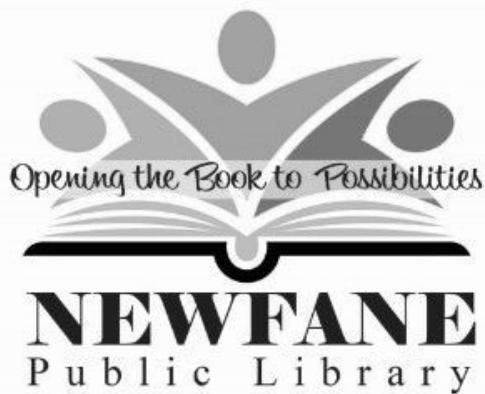
CIRCUS TENT STAGE

<p>Affordable family attractions are bordering on extinction, but The Olcott Beach Carousel Park offers families an affordable day of family fun! Eat, drink and play under the stars while you support our fundraising efforts! Each donation helps us ensure the park remains low cost and high quality, giving every family the chance to make memories that will last a lifetime!</p>	<p><b>An Evening of Fun &amp; Festivities!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fresh Popcorn and Nacho Stations</li> <li>○ Cider and Beer on tap at the Rialto Beer Garden</li> <li>○ Wine by the glass or bottle at Luna Park Landing</li> <li>○ Food by Simply Tasteful   Served at 7:00</li> <li>○ Carnival Gaming Midway</li> <li>○ Skee-Ball Tournament</li> <li>○ Carousel Derby Races</li> <li>○ Fortune Teller</li> <li>○ Strolling Magician</li> <li>○ Raffles and 50/50s</li> <li>○ Vintage Vocals by Back in the Day   6:00-9:00</li> <li>○ The Sophisticats   7:00-10:00</li> </ul>	<p><b>Schedule of Events!</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beer Garden, Wine Bar, Popcorn Stand, Nacho Station, Basket Bonanza Raffle Tent, Skee-ball Tournament and Gaming Midway open to all comers.</li> <li>○ Vintage Vocals by Back in the Day <i>Under the circus tent</i></li> </ul> <p><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Food service by Simply Tasteful</li> <li>○ The Sophisticats   <i>On the mainstage</i></li> </ul> <p><b>7:00 - 10:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Carousel Derby Races   <i>Every 30 minutes</i></li> </ul> <p><b>9:45 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 50/50 Winner Drawn</li> <li>○ Raffle Winners Drawn</li> </ul>
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- Vintage carnival game midway & prizes
- Fortune Telling
- Midway Madness raffle
- Rialto Beer Garden
- Luna Landing Wine Bar
- Carousel Derby Races
- annual skee-ball tournament
- 50/50 split
- live music on 2 stages
- dancing
- popcorn, nachos, appetizers, dinner and dessert!

**Tickets are \$35 pre-sale and \$40 at the door** – and can be purchased on line, or from local ticket sellers. **For ticket information and event sponsorship opportunities** (including naming rights to the main stage, the midway games, derby horses, the beer garden and the wine bar) contact the park:

[olcottbeachcarouselpark@gmail.com](mailto:olcottbeachcarouselpark@gmail.com) or call us at (716) 713-6434 or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OBCarousel>



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 10am-5pm  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays:  
 12pm-7pm  
 Saturdays: 10am-2pm  
 (Closed Saturdays in August)  
 CLOSED: Sundays

<b>AUGUST</b>	<p><i>*Closed on Saturdays in August</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCE Spice Up Your Life Nutrition Class</b> August 6, 13, 20, 27 at 3:00pm</li> <li>• <b>Summer Storytime</b> August 7 &amp; 14 at 11am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raiders of the Lost Locker Breakout Game</b> August 9 at 2pm</li> <li>• <b>Bicentennial Scavenger Hunt</b> August 19-23</li> <li>• <b>Storywalk at Community Days</b> August 24</li> </ul>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<p><i>*Closed Sept. 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCE Spice Up Your Life Nutrition Class</b> Sept. 3 &amp; 10 at 3:00pm</li> <li>• <b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b> Sept. 3 at 6pm</li> <li>• <b>Lego Club</b> Sept. 4 at 5pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gadgets &amp; Gears Tech Help</b> Sept. 6 from 2pm-4pm</li> <li>• <b>Career Connections</b> Sept. 18 from 5pm-6pm</li> <li>• <b>Book Club</b> Sept. 19 at 6pm</li> </ul>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<p><i>*Closed Oct. 14</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCE Nutrition Class</b> Oct. 1 at 3:30pm</li> <li>• <b>Lego Club</b> Oct. 2 at 5pm</li> <li>• <b>Senior Coffee &amp; Cards</b> Oct. 4 at 10am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Book Club</b> Oct. 17 at 6pm</li> <li>• <b>Fall Storytime</b> Oct. 24 &amp; 31 at 11am</li> <li>• <b>Trick or Treat at the Library</b> Oct. 31</li> </ul>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<p><i>*Closed Nov. 28</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCE Nutrition Class</b> Nov. 5 at 3:30pm</li> <li>• <b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b> Nov. 5 at 6pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lego Club</b> Nov. 6 at 5pm</li> <li>• <b>Fall Storytime</b> Nov. 7 &amp; 14 at 11am</li> <li>• <b>Book Club</b> Nov. 21 at 6pm</li> </ul>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<p><i>*Closing early Dec. 24 &amp; 31</i>  <i>*Closed Dec. 25</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCE Nutrition Class</b> Dec. 3 at 3:30pm</li> <li>• <b>Lego Club</b> Dec. 4 at 5pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Light Up Newfane Parade</b> Dec. 6</li> <li>• <i>Book Club</i> TBD</li> <li>• <i>Holiday Events</i> TBA</li> </ul>

Healthcare Navigation has resumed every Wednesday from 1pm-3pm

This list of events is incomplete. Stay up to date by following us on social media, checking our website, or stopping in! We're happy to be back open for our community!



## Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin

Well the season is underway and we have new items in our displays again this year for you all to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who donated items to share with us. We all love our history! If you have not been to the Cabin to check it all out please stop by and say hello! Ye Olde Log Cabin is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12-5 pm and admission is free.

By the time this newsletter arrives to your homes our Old Olcott Days Bicentennial Pioneer Picnic will be over. I hope many of you came to celebrate with us as we worked to try to make it like the Pioneer Picnics of the past. The Cabin is all decked out with patriotic bunting and red, white, and blue flowers.

The annual Olcott Beach Car Show will be coming up on August 31st and we look forward to having all those beautiful cars surrounding Ye Olde Log Cabin. And of course the music and visitors just make it such a fun day, it's like old home week having so many friends stop in to say hello!

In addition to the Lakeview Village Shoppes Boo-Nanza on October 5th from 12-3 pm, Ye Olde Log Cabin will be open and decorated for Halloween and giving treats as well. There will be a Trolley ride available from the Lakeview Village Shoppes to Ye Olde Log Cabin to get a treat and then back on the Trolley to return to the Shops. So make sure to bring the kids out for all the fun on October 5th.

Santa at the Cabin seems so far away but will be here before we know it! Bring the kids to see Santa at the Cabin on December 8th from 1-5pm so they can tell Santa their wishes and have a treat. Again this year we will be collecting for the Peanut Butter and Jelly fund drive so if you are able to help with a donation we appreciate it and thank you for helping someone who could use a helping hand this season. We are always working on fundraising for Santa as this event is put on all by donations. Hope to see you there with Santa at the Cabin.

We would like to send out a big thank you to Chris Dearborn for always thinking of our Cabin volunteer family and providing us with bottled water for our hot summer days. We appreciate you always remembering us Chris, many thanks!

As always if anyone has anything they would like to display either permanently or on loan, please call Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887.

We look forward to seeing you at Ye Olde Log Cabin in the "Pine Grove"!

## Help the Van Horn Mansion Win a Grant

*The fundraising deadline is October 1*

Since the Fall of 2022, the Newfane Historical Society has been working towards winning a challenge grant for the Van Horn Mansion. A local organization offered \$35k if we can raise the same amount. This would mean a total investment of \$70,000 towards refreshing the Mansion estate! The Society has already raised \$23k...can you help us raise the final \$12,000 by the 1st of October?

The Van Horn Mansion was built in 1823 by James Van Horn, and served as the original town hall and First Baptist Church, until both were later relocated near Main Street. Newfane was named by Abigail Van Horn, James' wife, during the first town meeting in 1824, which was held inside the Mansion's parlor. The building has become a historical centerpiece for the town, and its many residents over 150 years helped form and grow our community in many ways.

Now over 200 years old, the Mansion serves as an event center and living history museum, overseen by caretakers through the Newfane Historical Society. They are overseeing extensive plans revitalize the building in many ways, with the goal of keeping it a mainstay attraction of the Newfane community. The funds raised are going towards upgraded rental and office equipment, new appliances, new and refreshed displays, extensive cleaning and repairs, and expanded historical research.

We are accepting donations of any size, and know thanks to this challenge your donation will be doubled! We thank everyone who has helped us get so far, and appreciate any help you can give. You can visit our website to donate through PayPal at [NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com](http://NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com), or Venmo us: @NewfaneHistory. You may also send a check to Town of Newfane Historical Society, P.O. Box 115, Newfane, NY 14108 (include "Rev. Project" in subject line).

You can also donate in person this summer. The doors are open every Sunday from 1-4pm through August 25. Visitors can peruse antiques, glassware, dishes and books, which are for sale to raise grant funds. There is a special 1974 Sesquicentennial Exhibit on display as well, in honor of the town's Bicentennial this year. The exhibit boasts items from the grand celebration Newfane held for 175th celebration. And of course, the most popular Sunday activity is our 90-minute guided tours for \$5pp, which offer an in-depth look at the building and tales of its former residents – plus some supernatural legends! Later this year, after the grant challenge has ended, we'll be offering more fundraising events which will be detailed on [VanHornMansion.com](http://VanHornMansion.com). This includes our Christmas Open House, a sell-out event that returns on December 15. We hope to see you at the Van Horn Mansion very soon.

The non-profit Town of Newfane Historical Society collects, preserves and interprets the history of our community, sharing our heritage through education, exhibits and special events. Members and new volunteers are always welcome; please visit [NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com](http://NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com) to learn more and join the fun today!

**HELP US WIN A GRANT!**

*Van Horn Mansion*

The Van Horn Mansion is a living history museum & event center, first built as a home by the Van Horn Family in 1823. It's on the National Register of Historic Places, and is a cultural and historical highlight for the Town of Newfane, NY.

**If we raise \$35k, we earn another \$35k**  
Funds are going towards vital upgrades and maintenance.  
**Hurry...the Deadline is October 1!**  
\* We have currently raised \$23,000...help us keep going! \*

**WAYS TO DONATE**

**Venmo**  
Send to @NewfaneHistory

**Mail a Check**  
Newfane Historical Society, P.O. Box 115, Newfane, NY 14108  
subject line: "Rev. Project"

**PayPal**  
SCAN ME

Thanks to all for your amazing support!

Or donate at [VanHornMansion.com](http://VanHornMansion.com)

The Newfane Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit org.



# Newfane Central School District Aquatic Center

Located at:  
2909 Transit Road, Newfane, New York 14108  
Contact the Athletic Department for more information (716) 778-6563

## AQUATIC PROGRAMS

### Fall 2024

(Please check the website for any changes and the pool is closed when school is not in session)

#### PARENT & CHILD AQUATIC PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to provide an American Red Cross aquatic program for infants or preschoolers (6 months through 3 years) and their parent/guardian that will promote water safety practices, aquatic adjustments and swimming readiness skills. Making it "FUN" and enjoyable in the water with parental involvement. This program is intended to develop in young children a comfort level in and around the water, as well as a readiness for learning to swim. This program is NOT designed to teach children to become accomplished swimmers or even to survive in the water on their own. It will, however, provide you with the necessary knowledge and skills to orient your child to the water and to safely supervise water activities. The emphasis is on the development of a warm and trusting relationship between adults, children, and instructor. The relationship serves as the basis for learning.

Age: 6 months – 3 years  
Cost: \$2.00 with adult (pay at door)  
Session: Monday's September 9, 2024 through October 21, 2024  
Time: 6:30 – 7:00 pm

#### COMMUNITY and SENIOR CITIZEN SWIM

For our Community members as well as our Senior Citizens: The pool is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 am – 8:45 am; Mondays and Wednesdays 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm for your enjoyment.

Cost: \$2.00 (pay at door)  
Session: Mondays, Wednesdays (and Fridays) September 4, 2024 through December 20, 2024  
Time: 6:30 am – 8:45 am (M,W,F) am and 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm (M,W)

#### EVENING WATER AEROBICS

This one hour, low-impact program, uses water resistance to help strengthen muscles while cushioning the body upon impact. Participants do not need to be able to swim to take the class since they will be moving from a standing position in the shallow end. For ages 21 years or older

Fall Session: Mondays and Wednesdays September 4, 2024 through October 23, 2024  
Cost: \$2.00 per class (13 classes \$26.00)  
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Minimum class size: 9 participants

#### DAYTIME WATER ARTHRITIS PROGRAM

Low impact program! Join us in our heated pool and take stress off tired joints and muscles. Gentle range of motion exercises. It cannot rid you of the condition, but it can make it more bearable.

Fall Session: Mondays through Thursdays September 4, 2024 through December 20, 2024  
Cost: \$2.00 per class (pay at door)  
Time: 3:30 – 4:15pm (M,W) 8:00 – 8:45 am (T, TH)  
[Dates Subject to change due to student swim classes and varsity swim team]  
Minimum class size: 9 participants

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### 2024 FALL NEWFANE AQUATIC PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE(S) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENCLOSED TO COVER COURSE FEES.  
(Please do not mail cash)

PLEASE MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: **Newfane Central School District**

MAIL TO:  
Newfane CSD /Athletics & quatics  
6273 Charlotteville Road  
Newfane, New York 14108

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO PREVENT CLASSES FROM BEING CANCELLED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT ENROLLMENT.

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**NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OFFICE**

6273 Charlotteville Road, Newfane, NY 14108  
716.778.6850 Phone / 716.778.6852 Fax  
www.newfane.wnyric.org

James J. Lupini  
Superintendent of Schools

**August 2024**

Dear Newfane Community,

It is with overwhelming excitement that I write this letter of introduction as your new Superintendent of Schools. I am truly honored the Board of Education has bestowed its trust and confidence in me to serve the students, staff, and families of Newfane.

I have been an educator for twenty-three years, seven as a teacher, and the last sixteen as an administrator in a variety of roles. I am the husband of a teacher and father of three high school-age daughters. I am an outdoor enthusiast and have spent a considerable amount of time within the Newfane community fishing at Burt Dam and Olcott Pier.

I believe the social, emotional, and character development of each child is equally important as the academic program to develop safe and healthy lifelong learners. To cultivate the engagement and success of each child, there needs to be a partnership between the students, school, families and community. Through my research and visits to Newfane, I see the Panther community is invested in its schools, embracing the motto "Together We Can." This alignment of our values and philosophies is the reason I am so proud to be your new Superintendent.

I will lead your district with great care. I pledge that all my decisions will start with what is best for students. I will be fiscally responsible and ensure that taxpayer dollars are used efficiently and effectively. I will have a collaborative approach that fosters opportunities for all stakeholders to be a part of the shared decision making process.

I encourage and welcome both questions and feedback and can be reached at [jlupini@newfanecentralschools.org](mailto:jlupini@newfanecentralschools.org) or 716.778.6850. I look forward to meeting you and having an outstanding 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,

James J. Lupini

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**NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES:**

**Universal Pre-Kindergarten Registration for September 2024**

The Newfane Central School District will be registering students to enter pre-kindergarten (UPK) in September 2024. According to UPK regulations, children who will **be 4 years old on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 are eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten.** Students and their parents or legal guardians must live within the Newfane Central School District boundaries. The classes are held at the Newfane Early Childhood Center with busing and meals provided. UPK is an outstanding program designed to prepare all children to learn and grow through play and age-appropriate activities under the guidance of experienced and caring certified teachers. Daily hours for Pre-Kindergarten are 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Please call Mrs. Madeline Ludwig at 716-778-6351 between 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to receive the necessary paperwork to register your child and reserve a spot for the fall.

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**2024 NEWFANE AQUATIC CENTER (continued)**



**POOL PARTIES**

**Celebrate at the Newfane Aquatic Center!**

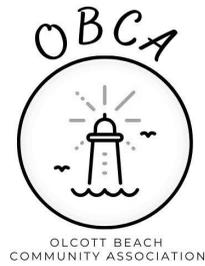
Parties/events are considered a three-hour block which includes up to two-hours of pool time and an area to decorate for snacks and celebrating in the lobby.

A building request form must be filed 4 weeks prior to the event date. A Certificate of Insurance or Release of Liability form must be on file. Please see the website and register your group in the MLSchedules program to get started.  
[www.newfane.wnyric.org](http://www.newfane.wnyric.org)

Fees are based on the number of swimmers using the pool. A minimum of two (2) lifeguards is required. Payment must be made prior to event!

**PRIVATE PARTIES FOR ORGANIZATION**

The Aquatic Center also is available for private organizations...  
Book a party for your Boy Scout, Girl Scout, 4-H, church or youth group!



The Olcott Beach Community Association (OBCA) is a group made up of community members and business owners that meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We have been having our meetings at the Olcott Beach Church on the corner of Route 78 & Main Street each month. There is no fee to join and everyone is welcome at all of our meetings, especially if you love Olcott as much as we all do!

We are happy to host all 4 FREE Summer Outdoor Movie Nights in conjunction with the Town Tourism board and the Olcott Beach Carousel Park this year. There are still 2 more movies coming up: Bat Man, The Movie on Thursday, August 15th & Ferdinand on Thursday, August 22nd. The movies will start at dusk (around 8pm) but the Carousel, Skee Ball, Duck Pond, and Concessions open at 7pm. Our volunteers work the events and we sell concessions to benefit our group.

The Saturday Night Car Cruises on Main Street in Olcott are every Saturday from 5pm to 8pm, with the last one this season happening on Saturday, August 24th! We would like to thank all of our local sponsors that allow us to continue these year after year. Also, thank you to Pete VanWagoner for again being our DJ for the season!

We had a great time celebrating this year's Bicentennial in Olcott! We purchased banners and yard signs to promote the Bicentennial around town, we hosted the Bicentennial Dinner in March, and also volunteered with Ye Olde Log Cabin with the Pioneer's Picnic in Krull Park during Old Olcott Days in July.

Thank you to the community for supporting our 27th Annual Duck race in June! The grand prize winner was Tom Hahn from Wrights Corners and we had 51 door prizes donated by local businesses and community members! The proceeds from the duck race help support our OBCA projects each year and also help to pay for the July 3rd Fireworks!

This year for our William G. Maynes Community Beautification grant projects, we decided in addition to flowers along Main Street and at the Lakeview Village Shoppes, the "Welcome to Olcott" sign at the corners of Routes 78 & 18 needed to be updated. Darlak Signs in Lockport designed the new sign with the help of our grant committee and the Town of Newfane.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events & projects each year. We invite anyone interested in volunteering or just interested in receiving the meeting minutes to email us at [olcottbeachcommunityassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:olcottbeachcommunityassociation@yahoo.com) and please follow us on Facebook for all the group's updates!

## Get Your Friends Together! POLAR BEAR DAY is March 2, 2025



Olcott's 56th Polar Bear Day is Sunday March 2.  
Prepare for the fun and begin your fundraising at:

[www.thepolarbearswim.org](http://www.thepolarbearswim.org)



## NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

We have been active this year. At our April meeting we discussed entering a float in the Bicentennial Parade and ideas for the float. We made Lilac jelly at the home of a member for our May meeting. In June we visited the home of a member and toured her extensive gardens.

Our July meeting was another planning session for a float and a give-away for the Bicentennial Parade in August. We are excited and looking forward to putting our float together and participating in the Parade.

We toured the Goody Girl Farm zinnia gardens on Robinson Road, Lockport for our August meeting.

Plans for the remaining meetings in 2024 include hosting a speaker from the Violet Society of WNY in September, hosting a speaker from a local winery in October and making a Thanksgiving flower arrangement in November.

Niagara Shores is a garden club, but we do more than garden. Our aim is to share knowledge and ideas concerning gardening, discuss problems we may have with certain plants and bring awareness to environmental issues. We invite speakers to our meetings and enjoy making garden themed crafts.

It is our hope that you might become interested in our club and join us for a meeting. We always welcome new folks and fresh ideas. Our home base is The Newfane Community Room, and we meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Because we do take field trips, it would be best to call for information about a specific monthly meeting if you are interested in attending.

If you have any questions about our club or a monthly meeting, please contact Secretary, Nancy Beakman at 716-778-7300 or President, Barb Reabold at 716-778-7198.

**"Flowers are restful to look at. They have neither emotions nor conflicts."**

**Sigmund Freud**

## LAKEVIEW VILLAGE SHOPPES

It's been another fantastic season on the boardwalk in Olcott at the Lakeview Village Shoppes!!! The addition of Brownie's Custard Stand, Christmas Gift Box, and Mama's Mission certainly added to our success.

Our Boardwalk was a popular place to be on Friday nights with live music and free wine tasting. The annual Mermaid Day Festival was a huge success! Many thanks go out to everyone who participated, donated and supported this day. A special thank you goes out to Christine Kelemen of the Boho Siren for all her creative work to make the festival a great one!

Once again this year, the boardwalk will be hosting several performances for the Jazz Festival which will be held on September 1st. This is a terrific event which brings man happy faces. What better way to relax and listen to fantastic music! Please stop down to enjoy some of our fall events we have planned.



5955 Ontario St - Olcott Beach, NY 14126

**\*\* September 21-28th - 1st Annual Scarecrow Village.** Community members, businesses, groups and families are encouraged to participate in decorating and creating their own scarecrow. The posts around the Boardwalk will display handmade scarecrows for everyone to vote on and enjoy. Contact Dragonfly Espresso \_\_\_O! Either by visiting them at 5955 Ontario St, Olcott or email dragonflyespresso4579@yahoo.com. Anyone interested needs to be registered. Winners will be announced on 10/5.

**\*\*October 5th - Autumn Boo-Nanza & Pumpkin Palooza** - Come trick or treat 12pm-3pm, listen to live music, wine taste and enjoy our fall festival. We will have pumpkin decorating, carnival games & special treats. The winners of the scarecrow contest will be announced on this day as well. The Log Cabin will have special treats as well. Bring the family down for this annual fall event.

**\*\*October 12th - 3rd Annual Psychic Faire** - Walden Willow will once again sponsor this enchanting event from 12-6pm. Rain or shine, this event has proven to be a crowd pleaser. There will be vendors and private/gallery readings performed.

**\*\*December 8th - Holiday shopping pop-up at The Lakeview Village Shoppes.** All shops on the Boardwalk will be open for last minute holidays gifts from 12-4pm. Come visit us before we close for the season.

HERE ARE THIS SEASON'S INDIVIDUALLY-OWNED, SMALL BUSINESSES ON THE BOARDWALK!

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SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12PM - 6PM  
  
OCTOBER - SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12PM - 6PM



Follow all of the businesses on their social media pages to stay up to date on sales, extended hours and special events

**\*NEW\* Brownies Custard Stand** the new food & ice cream shop on the boardwalk serving ice cream, custard and food – just like their popular Wilson location.

**Chenez's Popcorn** Original recipe, handmade gourmet popcorn from their kitchen at 21 Main St. in Lockport. More than 42 flavors from lightly salted to chocolate-covered cherry and peanut butter cups – plus a variety of unique soda pop.

**\*NEW\* Christmas Gift Box** a new shoppe on the boardwalk featuring all Christmas items, everyday! Old World Christmas ornaments and souvenirs for holiday decorating!

**Dragonfly Espresso\_O** a specialty coffee shop serving local roasted coffee and all types of hot & cold drinks -- specials everyday!

**Gift Box at the Beach** is back on the boardwalk for their 14th season! Look for Life is Good products, Terrapin Ridge Farm dips & sauces, Olcott Beach Souvenirs, Great Lakes gifts, purses, jewelry, toys & more! They also have the official Olcott Beach Lighthouse Stamp for US Lighthouse Society passport books!

**Just Looking on the Lake** is a cozy shop for a walk down memory lane. Find a unique assortment of vintage and antique yesteryear to peruse and ponder. Relax and enjoy a diverse selection of books and ephemera, new and vintage jewelry, and plenty of odds and ends!

**KM Treats** a candy shop offering all kinds of nostalgic candy, along with some of your new favorites!

**Kave Man Treasures** everything you need to decorate your man cave - tin signs, license plates, and horseshoes! They have River Rat Cheese from the 1000 Islands along with unique hot sauces & meat sticks!

**\*NEW\* Mama's Mission** a new shop on the boardwalk offering a variety of items to make your meals and meal planning easier. Check out the soup and dinner mixes, granolas and breakfast mixes, cake mixes, mug cakes and dips -- including many gluten free, vegan and sugar free options.

**The Boho Siren** is an eclectic mix of local art and nostalgia. They are pleased to host The Mermaid Day at The Lakeview Village Shoppes again this summer on Saturday, June 15th.

**Walden Willow** is a size-inclusive women's boutique and gift shoppe that was recently voted 'Best Women's Boutique' in the Buffalo News: Best of 716. You can find contemporary boutique clothing with sizes ranging from Small-6XL, shoes, jewelry, accessories, beauty products, unique gifts (toys, pet products and garden) and so much more!

## Anticipation Marked the Opening of Newfane's Time Capsule Next Generation Capsule to be Placed in September

The opening of the Newfane Time Capsule at the Apple Blossom Festival in May revealed many interesting memories, a few surprises and highlighted changes that have occurred in the community over the past fifty years. The time capsule was packed with documents and remembrances of the town's 1974 Sesquicentennial celebration and contained many records of town meetings and community events from the 1970s and previous decades.

Scores of envelopes, papers and memorabilia were removed from the capsule, but it was most surprising when we pulled out a 1976 copy of the Union-Sun & Journal and then a 1976 school yearbook. Everyone today assumed the time capsule was buried during the 1974 Sesquicentennial, but it turns out it was not buried until 1976. Apparently, they had begun planning the time capsule burial during the Sesquicentennial, but decided to delay the encapsulation until our nation's 200-year Bicentennial celebration in 1976. It was clearly documented, however, that they intended us to open the capsule during this year's 2024 Bicentennial events. The photo below by *Wayne Peters* shows Supervisor John Syracuse, with Councilmen Rick Coleman and Robert Horanburg, preparing to open the capsule.



For many observers at the capsule unveiling, the most touching and significant findings were the personal letters local citizens placed in the capsule to be shared with their children and grandchildren fifty years later. Notes and remembrances from the late Grace and Adrian Banks and former Newfane historian Jud Heck had been preserved in the capsule and were eagerly opened and read by their family members present at this year's festival. Other family members have picked up letters that were left for them and we are still looking to connect with the following families that have envelopes intended for them.

McKnight (Sue/Kay/Scot)  
Halstead/Haseley (Maxina, Nancy, Dale, Philip)  
The Edward Macek family  
The Kenneth Sherrie family (Kenneth II)  
Donald Alan Rimer  
The John Buyoff family (Eric, Greg, Todd, Joel)

Another highlight was the envelopes containing the names and signatures of Newfane Elementary school pupils attending Grades K – 6 in 1976. Several were present at this year's festival and had a great time reminiscing about their youthful participation 48 years ago ... these folks are now 50 - 60 years old. Many of the envelopes contained lists of people who were members of various civic and community organizations, including the Newfane Senior Citizens, 4-H, Newfane Hospital, the United Methodist, Grace Baptist and Hess Road Wesleyan Churches. There were also member lists and details of almost every facet of the 1974 Sesquicentennial celebration; including 'the Spectacular' (the stage performance and play titled 'Legend of the Eighteen Mile Creek'), the organizing committees, 'Brothers of the Bush' beard contest, the Sesqui-Belles, Kangaroo Kourt and the Sesquicentennial Quilters.

Other noteworthy content from the 1976 time capsule included the following.

- Letters and town documents from John McNally, Newfane Supervisor from 1974 to 1977, who is expected to attend the August 24 Bicentennial Community Day and parade
- Town and school accounts summarizing Newfane's early years and long history
- A 1975 town newsletter
- Several early postcards of Newfane and Olcott
- A list of those attending the Bicentennial Ball in 1976
- The 1974 Sesquicentennial Visitor's Register
- Photos, slides and a recording of Sesquicentennial events
- A 45-RPM recording by Chicago of their hit song *25 or 6 to 4*
- A list of those purchasing stock certificates to fund the Sesquicentennial
- The first newsletters printed by the Town of Newfane Historical Society after its formation in 1975
- A letter from the White House and President Richard Nixon congratulating Newfane on its 150-year Sesquicentennial anniversary
- The Act approved by the NYS Legislature in 1824 authorizing the creation of the Town of Newfane
- A 1976 Telephone Directory
- Programs for Girl Scout, Brownie and Boy Scout flag ceremonies for the nation's 1976 Bicentennial
- 1976 Bicentennial U.S. Postal Service stamps
- The Delilah Wisner Merritt Autobiography (A Newfane Pioneer, 1813-1899)

# VETERANS NEWS ...

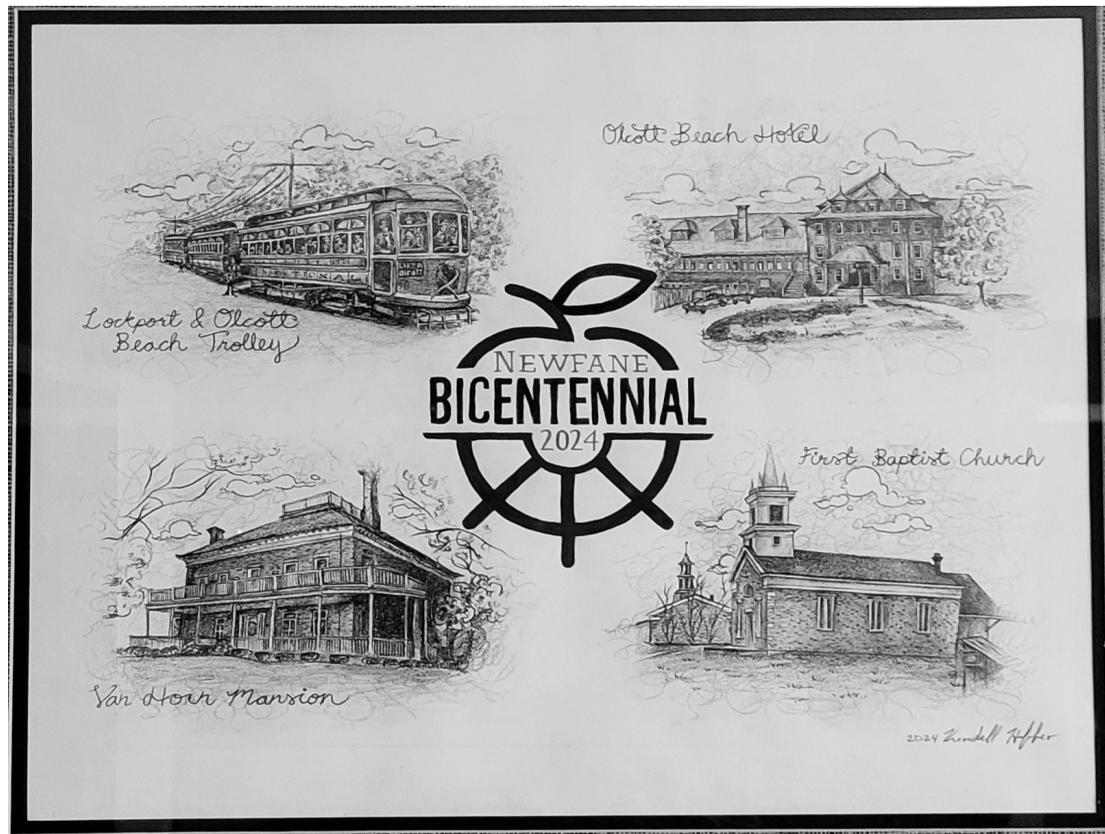
## From the Newfane American Legion, Post 873

(716) 408-3311

newfanelegion@yahoo.com

**Post Meetings:** Our meetings are held on the second Monday of every month in the Community Center behind the Town Hall at 7:00 pm (6 pm in December and June). We are always looking for new veterans to become members or attend our meetings. And, we welcome all guests to come out and see what the American Legion can do for you or a Veteran you know – and check out what we do for the Newfane community!

**Post Fundraising Raffles:** We've been sponsoring our fundraising raffles that help our Post support veterans, families, children and youth. Raffle proceeds allow us to provide annual scholarship to a graduating senior of a veteran, attendance of a junior classman to New York American Legion's Boys State and various other programs. This year we also have raffles for our wagonload of cheer, a lottery board, handmade wood toys and a handmade wood wagon. A special raffle for this Newfane Bicentennial year offers a one-of-kind framed artwork (pictured) that includes a color print of the Bicentennial logo with drawings of the Olcott Beach Hotel, Van Horn Mansion, Lockport-Olcott Trolley, Newfane First Baptist Church and Methodist Church. The raffles will be drawn at the conclusion of the Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games on September 15th. Find our booth at the Celtic festival or give us a call for tickets.



**Where's your record of service/DD Form 214?** We continue to encourage veterans to obtain your DD-214 registration at the County Clerk's office ... and just as important, let your family know where it is kept. And family members – if you have a veteran you are close to, ask them where their service record/DD Form 214 is kept or if you can help them obtain a copy. Without it, families and others must scramble to obtain confirmation so we can properly

honor a veteran. Scanning or obtaining a certified copy of the DD Form 214 with the County Clerk is vitally important to offer the veteran the final honors they deserve. While you are at the County Clerk's office, you can also obtain a **Thank-A-Vet** discount card which can be used at various businesses. The scanned records are also shared with the County Veteran Service Office to verify service eligibility and benefits, including burial at a National Cemetery and other services. Veterans and families, if you do not know where your DD 214 is, contact the Post or the County Veterans Service Office for help. All eligible veterans deserve this recognition and it is so important for families to know their loved one is fully honored for their service and sacrifice.

**Your American Flag:** Do you want to display the flag? Is your flag tattered, worn or faded from wind, storms and the sun? The Post has American made flags in various sizes and materials you can purchase. A portion of your flag purchase helps fund the Post's activities supporting veterans and their families. Call us at (716) 408-3311 to purchase one.

**Western New York National Cemetery:** Construction phase 1B will be complete this summer and final touches on Internment Shelter #2 and the Columbarium will soon be done. This opens an additional option other than ground burial at the cemetery. Construction phase 1C will be next, which includes permanent maintenance and support buildings. The cemetery will again host a Veteran's Day ceremony at the main flagpole on November 11th and the Wreaths Across America event in December.

**Veterans lost to time:** Post members have begun a systematic search of Newfane's cemeteries to reclaim veteran graves and identities that were becoming lost to time. One previously unknown Civil War veteran was located in Saint Bridget's cemetery and is now properly honored with a flag. With the help of other community volunteers - one ambitious group calls themselves the 'Historical Baddies' - we are helping with the monumental task of reclaiming the West Lake Road Cemetery in Olcott, where over twenty Revolutionary war, War of 1812 and Civil War veterans now have flags adorning their graves or cenotaphs, up from only three that had previously been recorded.

**New York State's Lifetime Liberty Pass:** New York's Lifetime Liberty Pass Program is now available to all New York veterans and certain Gold Star Families. The program provides free access to state parks, campgrounds, pools, boat launches, day golf courses, historic sites and other recreation areas. Veterans can access these benefits by presenting a NY State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) photo ID with Veteran status to facility attendants, or scan the Lifetime Liberty Pass at available kiosks. Disability certification is no longer required.

The Lifetime Liberty Pass is not valid for amenities and some services, tours, rentals or locations operated by concessionaires or partners. Visit <https://parks.ny.gov/admission/lifetime-liberty-pass.aspx> for more information on the program, how to apply and where your pass or veteran license can be used at New York State Parks.

There is a similar program for National Parks and Federal recreation areas although there are no WNY sites that accept the pass. The free lifetime Gold Star and Veteran America the Beautiful pass gives access to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests. More information can be found here: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/11-8-2022-lifetime-pass.htm>



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We provide individual and group counseling sessions. Each patient is assigned to a primary clinician who develops an individualized treatment plan. In addition to educational and goal-oriented treatment planning, we provide tailor-made interventions to meet patient's needs.



# WNY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MONTHLY	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> WED</b>	<b>FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP</b> Niagara Falls (6:30 - 8:00pm)
	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> THU</b>	<b>FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP*</b> Online (7:00 - 8:30pm)
	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> WED</b>	<b>FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP</b> Amherst (7:00 - 8:30pm)
	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> THU</b>	<b>FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP</b> Hamburg (7:00 - 8:30pm)
	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> THU</b>	<b>FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP</b> Lockport (6:30 - 8:00pm)
	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> THU</b>	<b>FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP</b> Buffalo (6:30 - 8:00pm)
	<b>CALL TODAY!</b>	<b>FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CLASS*</b> Call (716) 226-6264 or email <a href="mailto:online@namibuffalony.org">online@namibuffalony.org</a> for information on our next class.
	<small>*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ONLINE GROUPS &amp; FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CLASSES</small>	
	<small>FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER email us at <a href="mailto:online@namibuffalony.org">online@namibuffalony.org</a></small>	

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### Our Mission

Families compassionately helping families of loved ones challenged by mental illness

### Our Vision

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Business:  
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Annual Dues: \$50. Do you need a decal? \_\_\_\_\_

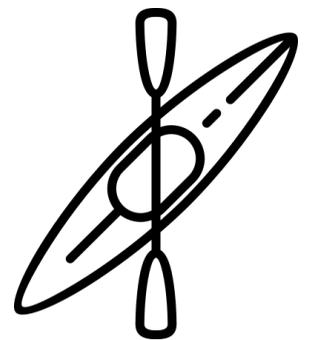
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS...



Newfane Marina has a new kayak launch. Town employees worked together with Anchor Marine to remove the old dock and install the new launch.



GRAND OPENING of GOODY'S AT THE BEACH



***Newfane's Bicentennial Celebration & Community Day***

**Saturday, August 24**

**2 pm Parade with Bands and Floats**

**On Main Street**

***Come see the Parade***



**Costumes ... Kids Games ... Local Foods ... Vendors ... Music**

View, Display and Share Historic Photos and Memorabilia

***Music with 90 West***  
**WNY's Premier Country Band**  
**7pm - 10pm**

